

## Soviet subs off U.S. coast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union, after refraining for months from sending nuclear submarines to stations off the United States' eastern coast, resumed the patrols early this summer and appears to be continuing them, Defense Department officials said. The officials, who agreed to discuss the matter only if not identified, disclosed last week that a lone Soviet submarine reappeared during the first week of June inside an Atlantic patrol zone long favoured by the Soviets. The submarine apparently completed its deployment and departed the area within the last couple of weeks, the sources said. It was immediately replaced by another submarine, however, suggesting the Soviets intend to maintain the patrols at least for the time being, they said. The Soviet submarines are known by the Western code name "Yankee." While a Yankee is one of the oldest missile-carrying submarines in the Soviet arsenal, it can carry 16 nuclear-tipped SS-N-6 missiles. That missile has a range of about 2,900 kilometres.

## Israelis in Cairo for Taba talks

CAIRO (R) — An Israeli delegation arrived in Cairo Sunday for talks on the future of the disputed coastal enclave of Taba in Sinai. Delegation leader Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office, said his talks with Egyptian and U.S. officials in the next two days were designed to lay the basis for an agreement. "We also hope to expand and strengthen relations between Egypt and Israel," he added. A U.S. delegation led by State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer is expected in Cairo Monday to take part in the talks. Sofaer has previously tried to reconcile the sides to head off a legal verdict that could lead to friction between Israel and Egypt. Arbitrators are due to issue a binding ruling Sept. 29. Ahmad Maher, head of the Egyptian negotiating team, said: "We will listen to the Israeli views and explain in return that Egyptian sovereignty on Taba is not negotiable."

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### American society is racist

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty-five years after the Rev. Martin Luther King declared his dream of racial equality, a majority of Americans say society remains racist, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found. The national survey of 1,223 adults found broad agreement that the United States has moved towards equality since August 1963, when King voiced the goal in a celebrated speech. Twenty-one per cent said equality is achievable. But of those who did it is possible, four in 10 said racial equality would not occur within their lifetimes. And 55 per cent of all respondents said American society was racist overall, while 37 per cent said it was not racist.

### I.S. warships transit Suez from Gulf

UEZ (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier Forrestal and five accompanying ships steamed through the Suez Canal on their way from the Gulf region to the Mediterranean Sea, canal officials said today. The ships made their way out of the canal late Saturday night, a canal official said. They have been around the Gulf since the 10th of May. The group included the destroyers Spruance, Semmes and Dahlgren, the frigate Elmer Montgomery, and the ammunition ship Suribachi. On Sunday, two Italian warships made their way through the Suez Canal, ending duty in and around the Gulf begun early March.

### Search for Iran flight recorder might wind down

ICOSIA (R) — Iran said Sunday that it might wind down its search for the flight recorder from the airliner destroyed by a U.S. missile because Washington had admitted it was in the wrong. The official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted an informed source as saying "Iran believed it did not need to spend as much money as before on the search. The reasons for the July 3 attack were quite clear and even U.S. officials have confessed the unmanly crime by their act," the agency quoted the source as saying. IRNA said the flight recorder had virtually ceased transmitting the signals used to help find it. Special equipment obtained from Britain to trace the signals had been sent back, the agency said.

### 2,000 protest around Japanese air base

OKYO (AP) — About 12,000 anti-military protesters formed an anti-military chain Sunday around Japan's air self-defence force base central Japan, police said. There were no reports of clashes between police and demonstrators at the base in Komatsu. Kyodo news service said the demonstration was sponsored by members of a 4.5 million-member General Council of Trade Unions of Japan. The Komatsu base is the only one facing the Sea of Japan that is combat air units and that it accounts for about 20 per cent of the Japanese military flights a year.

### French railroad head resigns

PARIS (AP) — The president of France's state-run railroad resigned Sunday in the wake of the second serious train wreck in six weeks. It unions claimed changing priorities only camouflaged the government's own responsibility. The resignation of Philippe Rouville, 53, was accepted by Transport Minister Michel Delebarre, who said Saturday night that instructions given by the government after the earlier accident had not been sufficiently applied to a terminal failure, the minister said. A suburban train crashed into a terminal on Saturday in Paris' Gare de l'Est Station, killing a 29-year-old man and injuring 57 other people. The initial investigation indicated a cause of the crash was mechanical and not a human error.

### Vietnam criticises U.S. over ties

ANGKOK (AP) — An official Vietnamese newspaper Sunday criticised the United States, claiming it demanded that Vietnam count for missing U.S. servicemen before Washington will consider tabling diplomatic relations. The Communist Party daily Nhan An, or the people, said the United States "must bear full responsibility for the obstacles it has set up in the process of settling the issue of Americans missing in action (MIA) in the Vietnam war and other humanitarian questions." Vietnam said last week it was temporarily halted cooperation on the MIA issue and on resettlement in the U.S. of former political prisoners.

### Cholera death toll reaches 858 in India

NEW DELHI (AP) — The nationwide death toll from cholera and other enteritis reached at least 858 after the two diseases claimed 30 more lives, news reports said Sunday. Eleven deaths were reported in New Delhi, according to United News of India (UNI) and Press Trust of India. At least 260 people in the capital have died of the enteric diseases, the agencies said. Thirteen deaths were reported in Ahmadabad, about 650 kilometres southwest of New Delhi, UNI said. So far, 202 people have died there. Three cholera deaths were reported in the northern state of Punjab, UNI said, and two others died of gastro-enteritis in southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

### French kidnapping suspects held

BARCELONA (AP) — Two Frenchmen alleged to have been members of a gang that kidnapped the five-year-old daughter of a Spanish businessman were taken Sunday for an initial appearance, police said. Jean Louis Camerini and Alain Coefier were arrested Sunday in Barcelona. The court's judge plans to interrogate them on and decide whether they should be released or retained in custody while awaiting trial, police said. Camerini allegedly led the gang that kidnapped Melodie Nakachian on Nov. 9 as she was being taken to school in the Mediterranean resort of Marbella. The child is found unhurt in a raid on a house in Estepona, another coastal town, 11 days later.

### Aquino on defensive over corruption issue

MANILA (AP) — President Corason Aquino Sunday defended her administration against charges of corruption, saying critics only wanted to erode her credibility. She also disputed charges that her government was no different from that of her predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos, and called on the public to produce evidence of corruption or wrongdoings in her two-year old administration. "I disagree very vehemently on this," Aquino told listeners during her weekly radio broadcast Sunday night. "In the past, my predecessor engaged in wholesale graft and corruption... I challenge anybody to say that I have ill-gotten wealth."

### Fire guts northern Cyprus firm

ICOSIA (AP) — A fire Sunday gutted the headquarters and warehouses of the largest state economic enterprise of the breakaway Turkish republic of northern Cyprus, authorities said. There were no casualties but extensive damage in the fire that started around 9:30 a.m. at the administrative building of the Industry and Trade Company (ETI) in the northern Turkish side of this divided capital.

## Jordan will extend full recognition to Palestinian government-in-exile

# King: No reversal of W. Bank moves

By Nermeen Murad  
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AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Sunday that Jordan would extend full recognition to a Palestinian government-in-exile if it was announced and ruled out any reversal of the Kingdom's decision to sever legal and administrative links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"We are not playing tactics," the King told local and foreign reporters at a press conference held at the Basman Palace. "Our decision is a decision we have taken and we will adhere to it." He added: "I cannot forecast we will leave things as they are now."

"Jordan has no sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza," the King said. "Both belong to the Palestinian people... Jordan has no ambition or desire to dominate (the occupied territories)."

However, Jordan will not move away from supporting the Palestinian people.

Asked whether Jordan would recognise a Palestinian government-in-exile — an idea reportedly considered by the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) — the King said: "Yes, I would recognise it immediately."

His Majesty reaffirmed that Jordan would never waver from its policy of respecting the full rights of all citizens regardless of their origins. "All Jordanians, regardless of origin, will enjoy the same rights," the King said.

"I hope we can manifest what we mean to the citizens by the democratic process when they get elected..." the King said in an apparent reference to the dissolved Lower House of Parliament.

King Hussein took exception with misguided statistics on the percentage of Jordanians of Palestinian origin in the Kingdom and said these statistics were perpetuated by Israel to "feed the idea of an alternative homeland in Jordan."

The King revealed that facts from studies conducted by Jordan indicate that "less than 40 per cent of the Jordanian population is of Palestinian origin."

He also pointed out that the

number of civil servants affected by the Kingdom's decision to retire its employees in the occupied territories was only 3,200. The King explained that "the others are not civil servants... we appreciate their services but they were working in semi-independent institutions or on contract."

The King said Jordan would not withdraw existing passports from Palestinians living in the West Bank. "Passports will all remain until such a time as a Palestinian state is created, then obviously Palestinians can have their own passports representing them as citizens of that state."

His Majesty denied reports that Jordan intended to close bridges connecting the two banks of River Jordan. "Bridges are the lifeline... we have no intention to close them... nor has it ever crossed our minds."



His Majesty King Hussein addresses a press conference held at the Basman Palace Sunday (Petra photo)

King Hussein said no further measures were envisaged at present. "Basically, we have covered all the areas that required our attention," he said.

Asked whether the Kingdom's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank abrogates the 1950 unity agreement, the King said: "Unity with the West Bank was established in 1950 upon the request of representatives of the Palestinian people, and we have adhered to the stipulations of this unity over the years. When the Palestinian representatives decided to establish their independent state on

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## W. Bank village leader attacked

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Unknown assailants Sunday shot and wounded the traditional leader of an occupied West Bank village, a hospital official said. A Jewish settler leader said the wounded man collaborated with Israel.

Ahu Bakr Mustafa, 47, mukhtar of Bidya, was hit in the stomach four times and evacuated to a hospital in Kfar Saba where he was listed in medium condition.

Israeli sources said Mustafa was sitting outside his home with his children when assailants

opened fire from 15 metres. One of his sons was slightly wounded in the hand, the sources said.

Israel television said Mustafa was probably shot by Palestinians. Israel radio reported that the assailant fired a Soviet-designed Karl Gustav submachine gun.

Mustafa has been the target of a number of death attempts after he was implicated in a land fraud deal a few years ago, according to Reuters. He was accused of selling village land for the establishment of Jewish settlements, Reuters said.

## Muharram holiday

AMMAN (Petra) — Sunday, Aug. 14, will be a public holiday in Jordan and all government departments and public institutions will be closed, according to a statement issued by the Prime Ministry.

The statement said Aug. 14 marks the first day of the month of Muharram and the 1409 Islamic new year.

## Murphy urges Palestinian-Israeli dialogue; Shamir warns Washington

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — U.S. envoy Richard Murphy Sunday urged Palestinians and Israelis to seek "political accommodation," but Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned the United States against getting close to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Israel's divided cabinet engaged in a name-calling debate about the consequences of Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Right-wing members called for annexation of the occupied territories while leftists criticised Shamir's lack of initiative on peace negotiations.

However, politicians from both parties attacked a Palestinian initiative to issue a "declaration of independence" proclaiming a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Shamir's spokesman Yossi Ahimeir said the prime minister told Murphy in a two-hour meeting that any U.S. moves towards the Palestinians could encourage violence in the occupied territories.

"The very fact of rumours or hints that the U.S. may talk with the PLO can be encouragement and weaken moderate elements," Ahimeir said, summarising Shamir's points in the discussion.

Murphy, assistant U.S. secretary of state, indicated to reporters after meeting Shamir's political rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, that he may meet with Palestinians in Cairo.

"We welcome dialogue with Palestinians, and it certainly possible to have dialogue with the PLO once they have met our conditions," he said, referring to U.S. insistence that the PLO recognise Israel and abandon armed struggle.

"Israelis and Palestinians are currently facing a higher level of tension and violence. This underscores the urgency of achieving a political accommodation between

the two peoples," Murphy said in a written statement he read after meeting Shamir.

Murphy, who is to visit Jordan on his regional tour, indicated the United States had not abandoned hope Jordan would play an important role in peace negotiations.

"Jordan has been and will remain a strategic anchor for peace in the region," Murphy told reporters. "Jordan's interest is in peace, and I assume (its) actions were taken toward that goal."

The Israeli cabinet devoted most of its four-hour weekly session to Jordan's moves and a draft "declaration of independence" proposed by local Palestinian leaders.

Without taking a formal vote, Israeli ministers agreed "this is something which is never going to happen, no one is going to give it a second look," said cabinet secretary Eliakim Rubinstein. "There is a consensus of everyone in the government (against it)."

Stormy exchanges centred on right-wing proposals to annex all or part of the West Bank and Gaza in response to the Arab moves.

## Soviet-Afghan statement renews warning to Pakistan

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union and Afghanistan said Sunday they would take action unless Pakistan halted what they said were "crude violations" of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan.

A joint statement issued at the end of a visit to Kabul by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Pakistan's support for Afghan rebels caused Moscow and Kabul to "draw appropriate conclusions."

The statement, quoted by the Soviet news agency TASS, said the Soviet Union and Afghanistan would be forced to "define their actions in case the inter-

ference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan is not ceased."

It did not say what action might be taken.

The statement said the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan was going ahead on schedule and that by Aug. 15 the first stage, a 50-per-cent pullout, would be completed.

"The troops have already been withdrawn from most of Afghanistan's provinces," it said.

TASS said the last Soviet unit had left Kandahar in the south and there were no more Soviet troops in the southern part of the country.

In the past Moscow and Kabul have said the schedule for the withdrawal of 100,000 Soviet troops, which began May 15, could be changed if Islamabad continued to violate the accords signed in Geneva in April by Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union and the United States are guarantors of the accords.

TASS said Shevardnadze flew home Sunday. He arrived in Kabul Thursday and met Afghan President Najibullah, Prime Minister Mohammad Sharq, Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil

and other officials.

TASS said earlier that the Afghan Foreign Ministry had criticised Western countries which reduced the staffs of their diplomatic missions in Kabul after intense rocket attacks on the city.

The move was provocative and based on groundless distortion of safety conditions in Kabul, TASS quoted an Afghan Foreign Ministry statement as saying.

"During the nine years of the undeclared war, none of the foreign mission employees and members of their families were

affected," the agency said.

It said additional steps had been taken to ensure the safety of the diplomatic community in Kabul.

Western diplomats in Pakistan said last week that concern for the safety of staff and their families in Kabul had prompted at least four European countries to order some people home.

The move came after the French embassy was struck by a rocket fired by rebels during one of the most intense barrages on Kabul for four years. No-one was hurt.

## Iran accepts direct talks with Iraq after ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Iran's foreign minister said Sunday he had accepted the proposal of Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for face-to-face negotiations with Iraq after the establishment of a ceasefire.

The level of the talks, as well as when and where they will take place, would depend on the secretary general.

The decision cleared the way for the secretary general to announce possibly Monday or Tuesday the date of a ceasefire in the eight-year war.

Perez de Cuellar has said a ceasefire could go into effect about 10 days after it was announced.

"We accepted the proposal of the secretary-general (on) the face-to-face negotiations after the ceasefire," Velayati told reporters after meeting Perez de Cuellar for almost two hours Sunday.

"We agreed that face-to-face negotiations and the level of the face-to-face talks depends on the decision of the secretary-general," Velayati said.

On Saturday, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said Iraq would accept a ceasefire if Iran agreed to hold face-to-face talks immediately after a truce.

Hussein, in a test of Iran's intentions, dropped Iraq's demand for holding the face-to-face negotiations before a ceasefire.

Velayati Sunday did not mention the Iraqi offer when he spoke to reporters. Velayati was to leave Monday for Tehran, the Iranian mission said.

Iraqi Ambassador Ismat Kittani was to meet with the secretary-general in the afternoon Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, Tehran Radio reported that Iran had accepted Iraq's proposal for peace talks immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

The radio said Velayati had relayed Iran's position earlier in the day to the U.N. secretary-general in New York, authorising him to proceed "immediately" with the implementation of the

ceasefire.

On Saturday night, Ambassador Kittani met with the secretary-general to brief him on Hussein's proposal and later said: "If they (the Iranians) accept this, we are on the road to peace. If they refuse it, then it will be obvious to everyone that Iran and Iraq alone is responsible for shedding any additional blood."

Kittani added: "All we want... is to ascertain that Iran also wants peace. This (direct talks) is the best and the most acid test for Iran to prove its intention."

The secretary-general has said he also wants to announce the dates for the beginning and end of a troop withdrawal and prisoner exchange.

The U.N. peace plan, contained in Security Council Resolution 598, also calls for direct talks on a comprehensive peace, the establishment of a commission to determine responsibility for the conflict and reparations.

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## Son Sann seeks ASEAN, U.N. role in Kampuchea

KUALA LUMPUR (Agencies) — The head of the government formed by the Kampuchean guerrilla coalition said Sunday he would like the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to act as guarantors of a Kampuchean peace agreement.

Son Sann told radio television Brunei in Bandar Seri Begawan, 1,350 kilometres east of here, he was happy with the outcome of the informal meeting last month in Indonesia of the four warring factions.

He also said he was happy a working group composed of all four factions would be set up to seek a negotiated withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea, the Malaysian news agency Bernama reported.

The international community should continue to press Vietnam to withdraw from Kampuchea, said Son Sann, speaking at the end of a five-day visit to Brunei.

In Thailand, Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said Sunday that Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations should be declared vacant and that such a move would help efforts to settle the conflict in Kampuchea.

He also said that during his visit to China last week, he could not get China to substantially ease its support for the Khmer Rouge, the largest guerrilla force fighting the Vietnamese army in Kampuchea.

"I was not successful in my attempts to persuade them to change their policies because they want to bleed the Vietnamese," he said.

Sihanouk spoke with reporters at Site B, his main civilian base near the Thai-Kampuchean border, after escorting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on a tour of the camp.

Sihanouk's forces are nominally allied in a resistance coalition with those of the Khmer Rouge and a third guerrilla group in fighting Vietnamese forces.

The Khmer Rouge government had held Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations when Vietnam sent its army to Kampuchea in 1978 and was later joined in its representation there by the other guerrilla groups after the coalition was formed in 1982.

International support for the guerrilla coalition has been due mainly to the international prestige of Sihanouk, who ruled Kampuchea for three decades of peace.



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According to Western estimates, one million people have been killed and wounded since the Gulf war erupted in September 1980.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who had been holding talks with the U.N. chief for nearly two weeks, left for Baghdad Saturday to consult with his government.

In a statement after a meeting with Perez de Cuellar on July 29, Velayati had said: "We do hope that after the acceptance of the D-day and the establishment of the ceasefire and the withdrawal of forces from both sides to the international border and exchange of POWs (prisoners of war), the face-to-face talks in an acceptable level could be considered positively."

On Sunday he did not refer to the need for a troop withdrawal or prisoner exchange prior to direct talks.

A U.S. State Department official said that Iran's agreement to hold face-to-face talks with Iraq following a ceasefire was a welcome move.

The official, who declined to be named, said Iran's action was a direct result of Iraq's withdrawal Saturday of its insistence on direct talks before a ceasefire.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Frietgen, said the Iranian move was "very encouraging" but that the 27-Spanish American naval task force protecting shipping in the Gulf would only be reduced once the threat was removed.

In the Gulf, relative peace appeared to reign over the battlefields.

The worst of the fighting tapered off a week ago and by the weekend the two sides were reporting only relatively minor incidents.

Saturday's Iraqi announcement that it was dropping its demand for direct talks with Iran before a ceasefire was in place drew praise from the Gulf Arab states.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi said the Iraqi move demonstrates Baghdad's deep desire for a real and lasting peace.

## Murphy calls for dialogue

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the 1947 U.N. partition plan, which would encompass much of northern Galilee and East Jerusalem in addition to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This was rejected even by left wing legislators such as Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement. "This is a joke because no one in Israel will talk about this," he said on Israel Radio.

A differing draft obtained by the AP made no mention of 1947 borders. It said "the PLO makes a unilateral declaration of independence and statehood, announcing the existence of the state of Palestine in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with East Jerusalem as its capital."

Palestinian sources who de-

Iranian press and man-in-the-street reaction Sunday was optimistic that the end of the war was near.

"This is it," said an elderly man in English, one of several interviewed at random in the street. "The war is finished," said a young man who gave his name only as Hussein.

The unofficial price of the dollar in Tehran dropped overnight to less than a half, and to less than a fourth of what it had been before Iran accepted Resolution 598.

manded anonymity said a 10-page draft was forwarded to the PLO for approval.

Both versions said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would become president of a government-in-exile and would embark on a political campaign for worldwide recognition.

Shamir said in an interview published Sunday that Israel would not annex the West Bank and would not negotiate with the PLO.

In an interview with the Observer newspaper, Shamir was quoted as rejecting demands for annexation as a solution to the problem of the occupied territories on grounds it would violate the 1978 Camp David agreement. "I say we are committed to this agreement," Shamir was quoted as saying.

## King: No reversal of West Bank moves

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Palestinian land, we went along with their wishes."

The King reiterated Jordan's belief that a United Nations sponsored peace conference on the Middle East attended by the five permanent members of the Security Council and all concerned parties, including the PLO.

"Jordan will continue to call for an international peace conference since Jordan has the longest borders with Israel and this is a duty we will never abandon... to extend all support to Palestinians until they regain all their rights," His Majesty said.

The King also stressed that Jordan's moves were based on Arab consensus and the PLO's wish to assume full responsibility in the occupied territories, and to "help the Palestinians achieve their aspirations and establish their identity."

Asked whether the Kingdom's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the occupied territories reflected Jordan's disapproval with the United States and Israel, the King said: "If we look at it that way... I would say yes... the disappointment did not only touch Jordan but many from this part of the world and the world as a whole."

The King explained that Jordan "has always been ready to participate in achieving a just and durable peace and we have explained our position to (U.S. Secretary of State George) Shultz in the form of six points."

"We have always been very clear in our position... we don't represent the Palestinians or the PLO nor would we negotiate on their behalf... we were even willing to attend a peace conference as a joint delegation with the Palestinians if the Palestinians accepted that idea," His Majesty added.

The King said Israel on the other hand "has always clung to its intransigence and continued its oppressive and settlement policies... no positive indications ever came out from any Israeli cadre, whether official or otherwise."

As far as the U.S. is concerned, King Hussein added, "it has disappointed many... it did not use its influence as superpower to solve this issue and did not give it adequate attention."

The King expressed hope that both superpowers "would adopt a more active role in the peace process."

Asked whether he saw there could be an agreement between the PLO and the right-wing in Israel, the King said: "The struggle of the Palestinian people under occupation has lasted for more than 31 years and it did not diminish their feeling of belonging to their nationhood nor to their land."

He added the Palestinian people call for justice and peace while Israel "has lost many chances for peace and never understood that the problem could never be solved through oppression and occupations."

"Israel has yet to contribute to a just and durable peace," he said.

The King expressed hope that the Kingdom's move to sever ties with the occupied territories would "enhance the uprising and Jordan hopes that the world will recognise the Palestinian people's rights... we in Jordan stand with the Palestinian people with our sentiments and our feelings."

The King said Jordan had done all it could to support the Palestinian people since the beginning of the uprising. "We helped the families of the martyrs, and we will continue to do so. We will also continue helping the families whose bread winners are in Israeli prisons... we helped university students because it was impossible for their families to fulfil their needs," he said.

"Wherever it is possible we will extend help; not because we have to but because we want to continue what we have always done... support the Palestinian people living under occupation until they regain their full rights," the King said.

The King affirmed that a PLO delegation would visit Jordan soon but he said, "we have nothing to say to them). We will hear what they say and will leave the doors open."

He assured reporters that the PLO mission in Jordan would retain its status, "and I hope that one day it will become an embassy."

The King expressed hope that future PLO-Jordan relations

"will be based on more solid foundations... especially now things have become clearer for the PLO."

His Majesty confirmed that U.S. special envoy Richard Murphy would be arriving in Amman Monday and said that he would meet with the envoy the following day. "I have no notion what will be the topic of discussion, but it will probably be issues of most concern to both countries," he said.

Murphy will brief Jordan on the outcome of his meetings with his Soviet counterpart Vladimir Polyakov in Geneva last week.

Asked how he assessed chances for reaching a solution to the Iran-Iraq war, the King said: "I am very very optimistic and very pleased."

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Information Minister Hani Khasawneh attended the press conference.

A senior Palestinian official Sunday welcomed Jordan's decision to sever ties with the West Bank.

Salim Zanoun, deputy speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), was quoted by the Kuwaiti Al Watan daily as describing the move as positive and that the planned talks between Jordan and the PLO would centre on consequences of the Kingdom's decision and seek to arrive at means for the PLO to take over responsibilities for the West Bank.

Arah League Representative at

the United Nations Clovis Maksoud described the Jordanian decision as a show of national commitment to resolutions passed by the Algiers summit meeting which upheld the view that the PLO remains the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Maksoud described the Jordanian move as a devastating blow to Shultz's Middle East proposals. He said the decision could be regarded as a move to give further impetus to the Palestinian uprising.

### Soviet message

The Soviet Union has reiterated its support for the Palestinian people's struggle for self-determination and the uprising in the occupied territories, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported Sunday.

The agency said the reaffirmation was made in a letter from the Soviet leadership to Arafat.

The letter dealt with the latest Palestinian and Arab developments Wafa said, without elaboration.

The agency, which is monitoring in Moscow, said the letter was delivered to Arafat in Baghdad by the Soviet ambassador there.


It added that the Kremlin also reiterated its support for the staging of an international conference on the Middle East problem.

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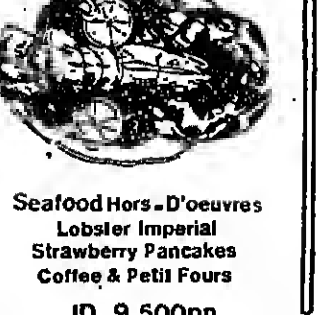


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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**PRINCE MOHAMMAD MEETS MASRI:** His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, His Majesty King Hussein's personal representative, visited the Foreign Ministry Sunday and met with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

**BATTIR BUDGET:** The governor of Karak has endorsed a JD 3,400 1988 budget for the village council of Battir. The funds will finance land appropriation, and street lighting projects.

**COURSE FOR NURSES:** The Health Ministry in Tafleh Sunday opened a training course for nurses and assistant nurses at the Tafleh Hospital. The seven-day course is being held in cooperation with the West German International Development Organisation.

**SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS:** A six-day training seminar for teachers of English in northern Jordan Valley region schools opened at Northern Shuneh Sunday. A total of 46 teachers, who are taking part in the seminar, are employed at preparatory schools.

**MINISTERS RECEIVE ENVOY:** Egyptian Ambassador to Jordan Ihab Wabbeh Sunday called on the ministers of Information Hani Khasawneh and Higher Education Minister Nassereddin Al Assad. Wabbeh made the visits on the occasion of the end of his term of duty in Jordan.

**MEAT IMPORTS:** The importation of mutton, beef and frozen fish will remain the sole authority of the Ministry of Supply, according to a ministry statement issued Sunday. The statement said that four or five star hotels will be allowed to continue importing certain amounts of meat of different kinds according to their needs but through implementation of agreements with the Ministry of Supply.

**N. YEMENI AIDE LEAVES:** Director of Social Security Department in North Yemen Mohammad Al Anasi has concluded an eight-day visit to Jordan and left for home. Anasi inspected the Jordanian social security system and discussed with local officials the prospect of benefiting from the Jordanian system in organising social security activities in North Yemen. Anasi met with Dr. Mahdi Farhan, director of the Social Security Department (SSD), and other officials to discuss the prospect of training North Yemeni officials on social security affairs in Jordan.

**YARMOUK FINAL EXAMS:** A total of 8,131 students from Yarmouk University Saturday sat for the final examinations. The four-day examinations mark the end of the 1987-1988 summer classes. The university, on the other hand, will participate in the Ottoman and pre-Ottoman studies conference which will be held at the Minnesota University in the United States on Aug. 14. Dr. Abdul Aziz Awad, from the University's History Department, will take part in the conference. He will present a research on the Ottoman administration during the second half of the 19th Century.

**ABBIN-ABILLIN ELECTIONS:** The three-day nomination period for the Abbin-Abillin municipal elections began Saturday. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, and Environment Yusuf Hamdan Al Jaber set Aug. 13 to be the elections day. The number of electorates are 2,382 people.

**ART EXHIBITION:** Egyptian Ambassador in Amman Ihab Wabbeh Saturday opened an art exhibition by Egyptian artist Jaber Abdul Fattah Nashid at the Royal Cultural Centre. The six-day exhibition includes 40 paintings on the Arab nation's civilisation and Egypt's return to the Arab rank as a result of His Majesty King Hussein's efforts.

## Three envoys to retire

AMMAN (Petra) — The council of ministers Sunday decided to retire former ambassadors: Jamal Khotat, Yousef Bouran and Ali Khreis as of Aug. 16, 1988.

Also Sunday, the council announced the formation of a board of directors for the Hijaz Railway.

Minister of Transport and Telecommunication Khaled Al Haj Hassan will be board chair-

man while the railway director general and the secretaries general of the Ministries of Transport and Interior will be board members along with representatives of the Finance Ministry and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company.

The council of ministers also announced the appointment of Hamed Abdullah Batoush as mayor of Taybeh in the Karak Governorate.

## ACA opens course on agricultural credit

AMMAN (Petra) — The Near East, North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association (ACA) has opened a 25-day training course for 15 Sudanese officials on agricultural credit facilities.

The course, held at the Agricultural Credit Corporation's (ACC) headquarters in Amman, allows the Sudanese trainees to hear lectures on agricultural credit and to tour a number of Jordanian agricultural projects

which are financed by ACC loans.

The ACC deputy director general delivered a speech at the opening session underlining the importance of the course, which was said to promote the skills and performance of the staff employed by agricultural credit agencies.

The participants are all employed by the Sudanese Agricultural Bank, which gives loans to Sudanese farmers.

## 2 experts to take part in Health Community Project

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two American specialists in health projects have arrived here to take part in the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF) efforts to implement a Health Community Project (HCP) in the Kingdom.

The two specialists, Judy McDevitt and Karin Wilkins, are employed on projects carried out by the Annenberg School of Communications in the University of Pennsylvania. The NHF project is being financed by the foundation and the U.S. Agency for International Development and is implemented with assistance from the U.S. Academy for Educational Development and the Health Ministry in Jordan.

Dr. Al Tayeb Abu Laban, from the NHF's research department, made a ten-day visit to Annenberg School last June, during which he helped to lay down a

plan for the Jordanian project. In June also, NHF opened a workshop entitled "creative media message development for health" in which 20 people representing various information and health institutions in Jordan took part.

According to NHF's Health Communication Project Director Sima Bahouth, the workshop was designed to create a work team of Jordanian specialists in health, information and social research to take charge of developing information to the public, taking into consideration local customs, tradition and the environment.

The HCP aims to raise and improve mother and child health level in Jordan through orienting the public on the benefits of good healthy habits such as breast feeding and pregnancy spacing.

## WHAT'S GOING ON EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition by Jaber Abdul Fattah Nashid at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- Art exhibition by Khalid 'Atiyah at the Zarqa Club for the Deaf and Dumb.
- Architectural exhibition at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts at 6:00 p.m.

### FILMS

- Film: "Le Fantome de la Liberté." The French Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi bid farewell to the 16th Jordanian mission leaving for Sudan (Petra photo)

## Excavations end at Ain Ghazal

AMMAN (Petra) — Archaeological teams from Jordan and the United States have completed a season of excavations at Ain Ghazal in Amman and Wadi Shueib in the Jordan Valley resulting in the discovery of artefacts dating back to the sixth and seventh centuries B.C. and the Modern Stone Age.

Dr. Zaidan Kafafi, head of the Archaeology and Anthropology Department at Yarmouk University, said that the digs at Ain Ghazal shed more light on two ancient civilisations, Al Fuhara

and Yarmoukieh, and led to the unearthing of pottery, animal bones, flint implements and ornaments.

At Wadi Shueib the teams unearthed the remains of an agricultural settlement that prospered in the Modern Stone Age, but other artefacts were also discovered in the same region dating back to the Bronze Age and the Roman and Byzantine eras, Dr. Kafafi noted.

He said the teams have now fixed the date of the settlement under the Yarmoukieh civilisation during the Sixth Century B.C.

Kafafi said the digs in the Jordan Valley were designed to establish a link between civilisations at Ain Ghazal in the East Bank, Jericho in the West Bank and Wadi Shueib which is a point between the two sites.

The teams grouped archaeologists from Yarmouk University, the Department of Antiquities and the Universities of San Diego and Nevada in the U.S.

## Ministry to open 72 more post offices

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications has decided to open

an additional 72 post offices and branch offices in various parts of the Kingdom to expand postal

services in all regions.

An announcement by the ministry said eight of these post offices will be opened in Irbid governorate, seven in Zarqa, four in Tafleh, four in the Northern Jordan Valley, seven in Amman, three in Koura, nine in Ma'raq, five in Madaba, four in Ma'an, two in each of the Jerash, Karak and the central Jordan Valley region.

In addition, one post office will be opened in Ajloun, one in Aqaba, and one in Ramtha, the statement said.

Minister of Transport and Telecommunication Khaled Al Haj Hassan said in a statement that his ministry will implement a plan, designed to expand postal services to all parts of the country.

## Bank loans to finance municipal projects

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has prepared a project to help local councils find necessary funds to carry out their municipal projects and tidy them over present financial difficulties.

A decision was made to open a special account at the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) to channel this assistance to the local councils, according to Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber.

The minister said that assistance to the council will be given upon decisions by the council of ministers based on recommenda-

tions from the minister of municipal and rural affairs.

A special committee has been set up to deal with this question and to study the financial conditions of these councils, to pave the way for assistance, the minister noted.

Councils obtaining assistance in the form of loans, the minister added, will not be required to pay any interest on them.

According to the minister a council can apply for such loan under this programme only once every fiscal year and that the maximum sum that can be granted at one time is JD 30,000 for a municipal council and JD 15,000 for a village council.

## Amman chamber gives JD 10,000 for uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — The popular committee for supporting the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied Arab territories has received a JD 10,000 contribution from the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's president, Mohammad Asfour, presented a cheque for the sum to the committee's chairman Abdul Majid Shuman, according to a report in Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily.

The paper quoted Asfour as saying the popular committee and

the chamber have agreed in principle to maintain a permanent fundraising campaign among merchants registered at the chamber to collect funds for the uprising.

Asfour spoke of plans to involve various trade and professional unions in a similar campaign, according to the paper.

The paper quoted committee sources as saying that a total of JD 1.3 million has so far been collected to support the cause of the uprising, 60 per cent of which came from Jordanian merchants.

## Eight wounded by stray bullets in Jordan Valley

NORTHERN JORDAN VALLEY (J.T.) — Eight people were admitted to hospital last week after being wounded by stray bullets fired during weddings and other celebrations in the Jordan Valley region, according to a report in Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily.

The paper said most of the victims were young people, including three who on Sunday

were still receiving medical attention.

Regulations against the use of firearms during weddings are long standing in Jordan but Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, in a message to the Interior Minister Rajai Dajani Saturday, demanded drastic measures be taken against those who violate the regulations.

The Prime Minister said the firing has been causing the loss of innocent lives.

## Man stabbed to death

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 55-year-old man from Jericho who lives in Masarweh district in Jabal Amman Saturday stabbed a 24-year-old man to death, according to a report in Al Rai Arabic daily Sunday.

The paper said the attacker was apprehended immediately and the police were investigating the incident.

Al Rai Arabic daily also reported a suicide attempt by a 24-year-old woman identified only as J.A.S. It said the woman, an employee at a government department, swallowed 40 pills of unidentified medicine in an attempt to commit suicide because she had failed to get leave from work.

The paper also reported the

death of a three-year-old who fell in a well at Wadi Abdoun in another district of Amman.

The paper quoted a Public Security Department (PSD) report as saying a man was killed after being run over by a car. Forty-five other people were injured in road accidents, fires or other incidents that occurred in the Kingdom in the previous 48 hours.

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# 16th health mission leaves for Sudan

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan Sunday sent off yet another mission to Sudan to help implement projects within the framework of a Jordanian-Sudanese cooperation programme for the development of drought and famine stricken regions in the Arab-African country.

The new mission, the 16 of its kind to be sent to Sudan, is composed of nine doctors and six technicians who will provide medical help to local inhabitants in the Kass region and supervise the implementation of water and electricity schemes engineered by Jordan.

copied by other Arab countries, the minister said in his statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Water and electricity projects initiated by successive Jordanian missions to Sudan are due to be completed in eight months from now and handed over to the Sudanese authorities, the minister noted.

He said the Kass hospital, which is now operated by Jordanian staff, has been enlarged and its equipment modernised, thanks to the efforts of the Jordanian National Committee for Supporting the Sudanese People. Jordanian teams working in

Sudan are rotated every two months. Their activities are supervised by the national committee, the report noted.

The team that left Sunday for Sudan was seen off by Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs secretary general who is also the national committee's rapporteur, other Jordanian officials and the Sudanese charge d'affaires in Amman.

Jordan started sending medical and relief missions, including food supplies, to Sudan following the 1986 drought and famine that hit the Arab country.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan visited Sudan to take a close look at the situation before the missions embarked on relief operations.

In December 1987, the executive bureau of the Council of Arab Social Affairs held a meeting in Tunis and agreed to allocate \$800,000 in assistance and relief supplies to be sent to Sudan and Lebanon.

## Course opens for female youth officials

AJLOUN (Petra) — The Ministry of Youth Sunday opened a five-day training course for 50 female officials in charge of female youth centres around the Kingdom.

The ministry's secretary general who addressed the opening session said that the course was part of a series of activities to promote the work of youth centres in the Kingdom.

The participants will be oriented on methods to encour-

age team-work among their groups, and to carry out voluntary work to serve the local community.

The course is being held at the permanent camp site near the northern summer resort of Ajloun.

In Zarqa a summer camp which lasted four weeks ended Sunday.

A total of 700 students from various schools in the Zarqa Governorate, who took part in social and voluntary work, organised exhibitions displaying samples of

their work.

Meanwhile a summer camp opened at Dhiban, in Madaba district, Saturday and the 60 participants of Boy Scouts are expected to carry out voluntary social work in the course of their 10-day activities.

The camp was opened by Ministry of Social Development Mohammad Ssour who delivered a speech outlining the ministry's social and voluntary programmes in the country as a whole.

## Health Ministry urged to organise campaigns for spraying pesticides

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai requested that the Health Ministry organise regular campaigns for spraying pesticides and insecticides in the Jordan Valley to safeguard public health in that region.

Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily, which reported the incident, said the request was made in order to eliminate insects which multiply and spread in the summer following the application of manure and

other forms of fertilisers in the farmlands.

The paper quoted a Health Ministry official as saying that spraying campaigns will shortly be organised in various regions of the Jordan Valley.

A team from the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Municipal Affairs and the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) conducted a survey of the region and reported large numbers of common flies

and mosquitoes due to the extensive use of natural manure.

Attention was focused on health conditions in the Jordan Valley during Her Majesty Queen Noor's visit to the region last winter, during which she inspected areas visited by vacationers, toured the Sweimeh village and took part in a cleanliness campaign to rid the public areas of litter and rubbish.

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## Loud and clear message

IN HIS first encounter with the local and international press after announcing Jordan's historic decision to sever legal and administrative links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank, His Majesty King Hussein has quashed all speculation over the Kingdom's sincerity in supporting the Palestinian liberation struggle and done away with any ambiguity that lingered over the seriousness with which His Majesty's government has adopted follow-up measures to implement the decision.

The King's resolute pledge that Jordan would extend total recognition to a Palestinian government-in-exile if the Palestinians choose to announce one, and His Majesty's reaffirmation that there cannot be any reversal of Jordan's move to disengage from the occupied territories and make room for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people speak volumes about the sure-footed course Jordan has adopted.

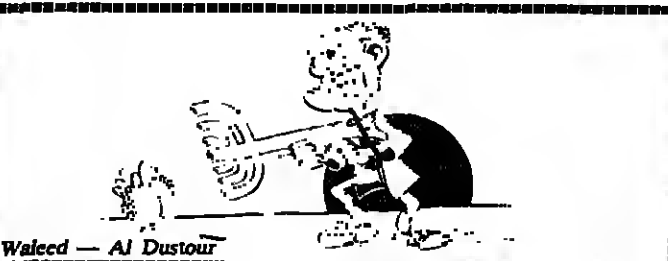
His Majesty's pointed reference to the wide use of misguided statistics and percentage figures of the Jordanian population and composition is a firm reminder of the ever-present Zionist drive to advance the "alternate Palestinian homeland" theory which serves the expansionist designs of Israel. His Majesty's taking exception to such statistics serves notice on all, particularly Israeli-engineered media campaigners, that Jordan's unwavering resolve to maintain its open-bridge policy should not be misinterpreted.

Above all, the King's frank and firm remarks at Sunday's meeting with the press should send a loud and clear message to all those concerned that Jordan is determined to continue its pursuit of fulfilling its pan-Arab commitments and shouldering its national responsibilities in a manner that will not infringe upon the Palestinian people's struggle and that, if anything, the Kingdom will continue to be in the forefront of all efforts to realise the goals of the Palestinian quest for their inalienable rights in the Palestinian homeland.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: An embodiment of responsibility

JORDAN has expressed its deep appreciation and gratitude for the Iraqi gift of arms to the Jordanian Armed Forces through a letter by King Hussein to the commander in chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces. The gift, the King said, was an embodiment of national responsibility and national commitment, proving to the world that any power possessed by one Arab army is for all Arabs. As Iraq continues to make successes in the field and continues to capture more arms and Iranian troops, its leader Saddam Hussein has again extended his hand of peace to the Iranian people. His decision to accept a ceasefire on the battlefield provided that Iran agrees to enter into direct talks with Iraq for peace, was indeed a brave one and proved to the world Iraq's determination to attain a permanent peace with its neighbour. Iraq's action proves to the world the Arab Nation's commitment to peace and its determination to achieve that objective by all possible means. Iraq has come out victorious from the eight year old war; but nevertheless it has crowned this victory with a true and genuine desire for achieving a lasting peace, thus paving the way for a glorious future of mutual and fruitful cooperation between Iraq and the Arab people in the Gulf region.



#### Al Dustour: An illuminant minaret

KING Hussein thanked Iraq and its leadership for the valuable gift of arms and military equipment it gave the Jordanian Armed Forces, describing it as a sublime act which is bound to further strengthen the Arab Order. The King viewed the Iraqi gift as embodying great national meanings and as a symbol of unity among Arabs in their struggle against the common enemies. The gift, captured during Iraq's war in defence of the Arab Nation, was meant as a show of solidarity among Arab countries and served as an illuminant minaret guiding Arabs towards further action in serving their national rights and national interests. This gift, which cannot be measured by any material criteria, carries sublime meanings and embodies great aspirations, coming from heroes and martyrs to their brothers in arms. We deeply appreciate this Iraqi gift, which reflects the true meaning of brotherhood between the Jordanian and Iraqi people, and pay tribute to the Iraqi armed forces for their sacrifices and their continued heroic struggle to defend the Arab soil.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Sublime meanings

JORDAN'S appreciation of the Iraqi gift of military equipment to Jordan could not have been better expressed than King Hussein's letter to the Jordanian Armed Forces commander in chief. The King said the valuable gift could not be measured by material standards as it bears sublime meanings and embodies the great hopes and aspirations of the Arabs. The valuable gift was indeed a fruit of great sacrifice on the part of the Iraqi armed forces and people over the past eight years; and a crowning of the great victories achieved by Iraq at the battlefield. These sacrifices and the continued Iraqi struggle against the common enemy were, as the King said, a source of pride for all Arabs. The Iraqi gift was a true expression by the Iraqi forces and people of support for Jordan and its commitment to the principles and goals of the Great Arab Revolt. It was a show of backing for Jordan's endeavours in confronting conspiracies and in seeking strong solidarity among Arab countries in the face of common enemies. The Iraqi gift was in appreciation of Jordan's unequivocal support for Iraq against Iran's aggression and Tehran's ambitions in Arab land and evil intentions against the Arab Order.

# Time for reflection

By Waleed Sadi

ALTHOUGH the decision of Jordan to break all administrative and legal ties with the West Bank is understandable, one still cannot help but describe it as regrettable. To be sure, the seeds of this latest development on the Jordanian-Palestinian scene were sown some time ago. It is obvious that a string of events and decisions had taken its toll on the East Bank-West Bank relations. Still it is the ultimate national sacrifice on the part of Jordan to yield to the PLO and accord it total and sole responsibility for the future of the West Bank. After all Amman's links with Jerusalem are not only organic and deeply rooted in common history, geography and nationality, but also in the unity affected between the two banks of the Jordan river back in 1950 and which found expression in constitutional framework. Viewed against these historical, national and legal backgrounds, both Jordan and the PLO assume awesome national responsibilities in opting for the policy course that they seem to have accepted for themselves. Arab history will judge neither party lightly for the verdict that they have pronounced for themselves.

Jordan once yielded to Arab consensus and joined Arab armies in the 1967 war with the results that we all know. Many of us, with the benefit of hindsight, would have wished that Jordan did not enter the 1967 fray and had saved Jerusalem and the West Bank, the very territories that have become the bone of contention. In 1988, Jordan is again yielding to Arab consensus and again this time we are keeping our fingers crossed lest the experiences and consequences of 1967 are repeated. Arab consensus, including the PLO, cannot

escape responsibility for this difficult decision.

Thus for some of us on both sides of the River Jordan who rejoiced on last week's decision to break administrative and legal ties with the West Bank, a word of caution is necessary. The decision that they celebrate is essentially fraught with danger and high risks for both sides. We must all pray that something positive will emerge out of it. God willing, the decision to cut off the umbilical cord with the West Bank will have a cleansing effect on all of us as all of us must bear responsibility for the decision per se. Essentially we have now a new ball game in our region. We are beyond apportioning guilt or blame. Time now should be dedicated to finding fresh conceptual frameworks for the future relations between the two banks of the River Jordan. The words of Rev. Jesse Jackson to the national Democratic convention in Atlanta few weeks ago still echo loud and clear in my mind and soul. He had observed that the American eagle needs two wings to fly. Those wise words of Jesse Jackson hold true for us as well in our current state of affairs.

I just completed a study tour of Canada and I found in that vast and great country a lot that we in our immediate region can learn and profit from. If the French in the Province of Quebec can achieve workable and positive relations with the remaining English provinces, and vice versa, I have the right to ask why the West and East Banks of our country have failed to maintain similar modus operandi between them. This is not to mention the experiment and experience of Switzerland in the domain of striking operational relations

between three different peoples. Therefore for all of us who are essentially Arab nationalists, we still entertain the hope that we have not heard the last word on this subject. To believe otherwise would be tantamount to negating everything we know and feel about Arab nationalism and common sense, albeit they are in short supply these days among us.

And while we find ourselves at new dangerous crossroads, we must refrain from deepening or fortifying our petty and superficial differences because that is what they are in fact. We must also abstain from clinging to outmoded factionalism or political tribalism lest we all perish in the process. The road ahead of us has become more tortuous than ever and thus requires extra caution to tread.

Certainly, this is not a time for incrimination. Rather, time is opportune for reflection, meditation and soul searching. First of all we need to take stock of what went wrong and engage in damage control measures.

There is not much more that one can say about the developments of last week at this stage. The full political and juridical implications of these developments have yet to be gauged completely. Paramount among the issues that have yet to be spelled out is the issue of sovereignty over the West Bank. From a strictly juridical point of view, to divest itself of sovereignty over that territory Jordan needs constitutional recifications. We note that Jordan did not go that far and all men and women of good-will will find in this omission the glimpse of hope for possible review of this whole subject matter from A to Z.

## EC faces uphill struggle over its 'ugliest trade'

By Leyla Ertugrul  
Reuter

BRUSSELS — The discovery of toxic waste dumped in Africa and Eastern Europe has jolted the European Community into cleaning up its ugliest export trade.

But officials in Brussels face an uphill struggle against government apathy, company secrecy, and the fact that takers for Western Europe's toxic waste can still be found if the price is right.

Only three EC countries — Greece, Denmark, and Belgium — have so far turned into national law the minimum safeguards the 12-nation bloc agreed to apply by the end of 1986. Parliaments in all other countries, except Spain and Italy, are belatedly examining legislation to follow suit, EC officials say.

Waste-dumping has become a major issue in West Africa this year after the discovery of toxic waste from Europe and the United States in Nigeria and Guinea. Under the new EC safeguards, waste may be exported only if an importing country has formally agreed to take it and possesses adequate disposal facilities.

Faced with increasingly strict rules and the high costs of toxic waste disposal at home, companies have turned increasingly to specialised firms to ship the waste abroad.

Polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCB, for example, a deadly chemical used in the electrical industry, costs \$2,000 a tonne to incinerate in Western Europe, but has been dumped in Africa for under \$200 a tonne, environmentalists say.

"The exports operate like the plot of a detective novel," says Euro-MP Francois Roelants du Vivier, whose expose of contracts to ship waste to Benin for \$2.5 a tonne and to Guinea-Bissau for \$40 focused attention on the trade.

The leaders of the 16-member economic community of West African states agreed in June to enact national laws making it a criminal offence to facilitate dumping.

The European Community produces at least 35 million tonnes of toxic waste a year — environmentalists say the true figure is at least 150 million tonnes — but nobody knows how much of it leaves Western Europe.

Some environmentalists want a ban on toxic waste exports to the Third World.

"There's corruption in these countries and it doesn't take a whole lot of imagination to conclude that in 99 per cent, if not 100 per cent of cases, adequate waste treatment facilities simply do not exist in the Third World," the Greenpeace organisation's EC coordinator, Ernst Klatte told Reuters.

"The best solution therefore is to close the tap from our side. It's revolting to see countries like Britain talk about a country's sovereign right to accept waste," he said.

The EC's executive commission will present environment ministers in the autumn with a second batch of proposals that would make waste exports more difficult.

Officials believe the new proposals, which would force companies to record of what they do with their waste and encourage countries to treat more of it at home, will be acted on much faster this time round.

"Waste has been a major problem and there is now an intense political awareness about it," an EC spokesman said.

But the commission will stop short of proposing a ban on ex-

ports to developing countries demanded by the Netherlands and rejected by Britain, Belgium, France, Italy and West Germany. Europe's chemical industry says it is committed to the safe export of toxic waste but opposes a total ban on selling it abroad. "An industry without waste is a utopia," a spokesman for the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federation said in an interview.

"Given limited capacity and other factors in Western Europe, exports to the Third World and Eastern Europe may well be the best technical solution to the problem, if they are conducted in the right conditions."

While most press attention has focused on toxic waste exports to Africa, some Eastern European countries also accept Western waste in return for hard currency.

Romania sacked its foreign trade minister last month after discovering dangerous imported waste had been stored in the Black Sea port of Sulina since 1986. A Romanian embassy official in Brussels said this was an isolated case, and his government had acted to stop further imports.

East Germany last year imported more than a million tonnes of toxic waste, most of it from West Germany, for between \$50 and \$80 a tonne, according to Greenpeace consultant Michael Braungart.

The Netherlands and Italy also export waste to East Germany. Citing the possibility of waste returning to haunt its senders, environmentalists in the town of Luebeck fear that waste buried along the border at the East German site of Schoenberg will seep back into the West German water table and contaminate Luebeck's drinking-water.

A spokesman for the East German environment ministry said in reply to written questions that East German waste treatment was perfectly safe. Braungart said East German methods were no more dangerous, than those practised in Britain.

## Palestinians' new, confident voices

By Glen Bowman

THE mid-July conference in Oxford, organised by the Refugees Studies Programme, was originally intended to examine "the problems of Palestinian refugees". But the general dissatisfaction of Palestinian representatives with the limitations and connotations of that initial topic persuaded the organisers to add "and non-refugees". Samiha Khalil, president of the Society of In Ash Al Uzza, expressed this in a letter to the organisers: "The Palestinian cause is the result of the usurpation of the Palestinian homeland by foreign occupiers. It is not a refugee problem, nor a problem of refugees who have no national identity or flag." Mrs. Khalil could not attend because her organisation was shut down by the Israeli military and she was detained without charge immediately before the conference, but her insistence on discussing the Palestinian people as a national entity rather than a population of refugees was reiterated and developed throughout the conference by the 200 or more — in large part Palestinian — who attended.

The conference proved primarily to be a debate between Palestinians — with British, American and Israeli contributions — on the nature of the present situation and on strategies for the future rather than a forum on how to manage the problems of fragmented, dispersed and disempowered refugees. Palestinians from the West Bank, Gaza and Israel were well represented, although many scheduled speakers had either been detained, put under house arrest, or denied exit visas by the Israeli authorities.

Sessions tackled such topics as "Law and Practice in Gaza and the West Bank", "Economic Realities", "Health", "Education", "Community Programmes", and "NGO and Self-Help Organisations". However, although not on the agenda, issues raised by the *intifada* dominated the presentations and the discussions. One was the question of how Palestinian youths, elevated to high status and prominence by their central roles in the *intifada*, would respond to being reintegrated into the strict hierarchy of Palestinian society after the uprising's conclusion — be it successful or unsuccessful. Khalil Nakhl's applauded response was that there would be no such oppressive society to return to: the *intifada* was not only going to continue until its overt purpose, the throwing off of Israeli dominance, was achieved, but it would also, in doing so, radically modify the values underlying Palestinian society.

Another issue was the ways Palestinians under occupation are at present disengaging as much as possible from the Israeli economy. This shift from dependency to self-reliance led to discussion of the role of NGOs (non-governmental organisations) in supporting Palestinians. Palestinians from the occupied territories contend that whereas in the past NGOs had attempted to direct Palestinian production and dependency, now, with the *intifada* and the development of indigenous income generating programmes which preceded it, the aid organisations must shift their strategies so as to place local roles in the *intifada*, would respond to being reintegrated into the strict hierarchy of Palestinian society after the uprising's conclusion — be it successful or unsuccessful. Khalil Nakhl's applauded response was that there would be no such oppressive society to return to: the *intifada* was not only going to continue until its overt purpose, the throwing off of Israeli dominance, was achieved, but it would also, in doing so, radically modify the values underlying Palestinian society.

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a united Palestinian identity. People concurred that, after years of being denigrated by Palestinians outside, the Palestinians of the occupied territories were now the torchbearers of Palestinian nationalism: a Palestinian trade unionist, living in exile in Copenhagen, said "there is a thread of communication linking the five million Palestinians throughout the world, and this thread is tied to the *intifada*. Though we may differ in our response, the values of the *intifada* are deep in our hearts."

The voices heard at Oxford were very different from those which could be heard under the UNRWA tents in the dark days after the 1948 dispossession. These new voices were articulate, informed and international, but more important, they were fired by a new strength and confidence sparked by what they, and their brothers and sisters, have been doing within the borders of historic Palestine. These were not refugees waiting for foreigners to come and save them: these were Palestinian nationalists talking about taking back, and remaking, their nation — Middle East International, London.

## Bhopal gas victims wait for compensation

By Rajendra Bajpai  
Reuter

NEW DELHI — For thousands of people, the vast Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal is the symbol of death and a source of lifelong misery.

"When I see the factory I feel like blowing it up. If I get a bomb, you would not see this factory tomorrow morning," Mohammad Yunus, a jobless 19-year-old who lives near from the now-closed plant, told a recent visitor from New Delhi.

He is a survivor of Dec. 3, 1984, when poisonous methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the plant owned by the Indian subsidiary of the Connecticut-based Union Carbide Corporation. It formed poisonous, yellow clouds that claimed 3,000 lives.

In less than 24 hours, Bhopal, virtually unknown outside India,

gained the dubious distinction of being the site of the world's worst industrial accident.

Yunus's 30-year-old brother Mohammad Shakib, sister-in-law and their two-month-old child perished. The family now waits, like tens of thousands of others, for Union Carbide to pay compensation.

Tears welled up in the eyes of Kubra Bi, Shakib's mother who now brings up three surviving grandchildren. The Indian government paid her 30,000 rupees (\$2,000) in compensation for three deaths in the family.

Nothing has come from Union Carbide, now locked in a bitter and lengthy court battle over compensation with New Delhi, which is claiming \$3.3 billion on behalf of more than 525,000 victims.

Kubra Bi recalled the night of horror when she suddenly woke

up as acrid smoke disturbed her sleep.

"I remember Shakib had been to the mosque that day and we had chatted long into the night. He woke up, took out his scooter and ferried the family to a mosque. He made several trips," she said.

"The next day was Sunday and our two-month-old grandchild died. On Tuesday my son died and on Wednesday my daughter-in-law. They were all buried together."

Mathu Ram Gupta, a 40-year-old machanic, woke up that night coughing and felt his eyes burning. He fled, shouting at his family to run. His nine-year-old daughter went with him as he began vomiting.

"I thought my family was following me but apparently they had stayed back. After walking about five or six kilometres (ab-

out three miles) my daughter said 'Papa, I want water'. Moments later she collapsed and died. I passed out after that," Gupta said.

He regained consciousness in hospital. He never found his daughter's body. At home his small son had died too.

Gupta is suffering from severe respiratory problems and has lost his job because of impaired vision. He now works as a watchman and says he spends more than half his 300 rupee (\$22) monthly wage on medicines.

He filed up claim forms when American lawyers came in droves to Bhopal promising to fight for the victims. But no money has come Gupta's way so far apart from the 10,000 rupees (\$700) the government paid for each death.

Gupta has no idea if the lawyers have made a claim for him.

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The empty arrivals hall at Tel Aviv airport

## Uprising hits Israel where it hurts

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel, its image tarnished by the eight-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, has experienced a 10 per cent drop in tourism during the first seven months of 1988 compared with last year.

The central bureau of statistics said Sunday 720,000 tourists had visited Israel, a decline from 802,000 in 1987, a record year.

Industry spokesmen say televised images worldwide of troops clashing with stone-throwing Palestinian protesters have damaged

tourism, Israel's largest industry, since the uprising began last December.

At least 248 Palestinians have died in the uprising.

The uprising started as tourism officials were preparing for an expected record number of visitors to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel.

Officials said they expected tourism revenue to drop by as much as 30 per cent in 1988 to \$1 billion from a record \$1.6 billion in 1987.

## Paper says hostages held in Syrian-policed areas

BEIRUT (AP) — A Beirut newspaper said Sunday Western hostages in Lebanon were held in three Syrian-policed locations under the control of Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Sheikholeslam.

The conservative Al Diyar also said there was a "certain flexibility" regarding the release of British hostages, while the fate of the other missing foreigners was linked to the developments in the Gulf war.

Al Diyar, which is based in east Beirut, started publishing four months ago. It was difficult to judge its accuracy and no confirmation for its report, which was attributed to an unnamed Syrian security source.

"The foreign hostages in Lebanon are divided into three groups and held in three different loca-

tions," Al Diyar said.

"The first group is held somewhere in the southern suburbs of Beirut near the green line, the second in the Iranian embassy, and the third in the Sheikh Abdullah barracks in Baalbek," Al Diyar said.

It said Anglican church envoy Terry Waite was among the group held in Baalbek, the ancient Roman ruins town in east Lebanon's Syrian-policed Bekaa Valley.

Syrian and Lebanese security officials have long contended that most of the 18 western hostages in Lebanon were held in the main barracks of Hizbollah (Party of God) in Hay Madi district in south Beirut's slums.

The Iranian-backed Hizbollah is believed to be an umbrella for various underground extremists

faction holding the hostages.

Syria has 40,000 troops in eastern and northern Lebanon as well as in west Beirut and its southern suburbs.

Al Diyar said Sheikhholeslam "is closely following up the hostages issue."

He said when Syria sent an estimated 2,500 troops into the southern slums to quell three weeks of bloody fighting between Hizbollah and the rival Syrian-backed Amal militia last May.

The Syrians, who also have another 3,500 troops ringed the slums, have since been maintaining a close watch of Hizbollah's movements in the enclave.

Al Diyar said Sheikhholeslam managed to smuggle some of the hostages from Hay Madi to the Iranian embassy in the Syrian-patrolled Ouzai district in south

Beirut and to Baalbek before the Syrians moved in.

"There is a certain flexibility regarding the release of the British hostages after relations improved between Iran and Britain," Al Diyar said.

"But the fate of the other hostages will remain closely linked to the developments in the U.N. Security Council concerning the Iran-Iraq war," the daily added.

Al Diyar quoted the Syrian source as saying Iran still was insisting on the release of 17 pro-Iranian activists held in Kuwait for bombing the U.S. and French embassies there Dec. 3, 1983.

"Syria refuses to discuss this subject because it is an internal Kuwaiti affair in which Syria does not want to get involved," the source was quoted as saying.

The Beirut weekly magazine Al Shiraa said Friday that Hizbollah was disbanding the underground Islamic Jihad (holy war) faction, which holds American hostages Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland. The report could not be independently verified.

## Floods wreak havoc in Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan has appealed for international help as flooding following torrential rain has stranded more than a million people.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem made the appeal after announcing that Khartoum had been declared a disaster area along with three towns to the east and north.

As he spoke Saturday night angry Khartoum residents took to the streets shouting anti-government slogans to protest lack of power and drinking water and shortage of food.

Long bread queues formed throughout the capital and most shops have closed.

Scores of people have been electrocuted as eroded pylons keeled over bringing power lines crashing down, eyewitnesses said.

All telephone and telex links with the outside world were cut and Khartoum airport was closed for 24 hours.

Thousands in the capital are without shelter. Nour Al Dayem said rain destroyed 5,000 homes but newspapers said the figure was nearer 10,000.

The deluge began Thursday and 21 centimetres of rain fell without a break in the next 13 hours, according to the minister.

Sudan, whose 23 million people are among the poorest in the world, appealed to the United Nations in June for help in deal-

ing with drought.

Last week Sudan declared itself a locust-infested area and appealed for international help to combat 30 swarms eating their way through scarce crops.

The country's problems have been worsened by a major refugee problem as thousands flee north from fighting in the south between government forces and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

These southern refugees — an estimated 1.3 million — have been worst affected by the floods.

Nour Al Dayem, appointed as head of the flood emergency committee Friday, said Kassala and Shogla towns in the eastern region and Al Damer north of Khartoum were disaster areas.

The appeal for help was sent to the heads of diplomatic missions and international organisations in Khartoum, he said.

Large areas of the capital have been without drinking water for two days.

Overseas relief aid will be handled by the army. Defence Minister Abdol Maged Hamed Khalil told reporters there was urgent need for tents, food and vehicles able to cross any terrain.

Television film showed large

areas of the capital under water.

Residents reported whole areas of the city were inaccessible and told of houses collapsing on occupants.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi appointed Al Fateh Abdul Rahman Abdoun to the vacant post of governor of Khartoum Saturday.

### Egypt to send aid

Egypt said Sunday it was sending urgent humanitarian aid to Sudan.

"Egypt has decided to dispatch

urgent relief aid including tents, medicine and other supplies to Sudan," Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid told reporters after talks with Mohammad Osman Al Mirghani, leader of Sudan's Democratic Unionist Party.

He said President Hosni Mubarak had told the government to take immediate action to deliver the assistance to Sudan.

Abdul Meguid said he and Mirghani agreed to arrange a meeting of foreign ministry officials from both countries to coordinate contacts with international organisations likely to extend aid.

## Qadhafi: Libya ready for full ties with Chad

BEIRUT (R) — Libya would like to normalise its relations with Chad and open an embassy there, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was quoted Sunday as saying.

The official Libyan news agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, said he told visiting Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali that Chad had no problem with Libya, only an internal conflict between President Hissene Habre and former President Goukouni Oueddi.

"Libya announces it is ready and willing... to open a popular bureau (embassy) in N'djamena

and accept a popular bureau from N'djamena in Libya to normalise full relations," Qadhafi said.

"The conflict between Goukouni and Habre is Chadian — Chadian which is not related to Libya. Libya cannot make a solution between these two parties a condition for normalising relations with Chad."

Libya and Chad held talks in Gabon early this month in their first high-level contact since Libyan-backed forces seized the disputed Aouzou Strip of desert in north Chad 15 years ago.

## British ship nearly downed cargo plane in Gulf

LONDON (AP) — A British warship came within 10 seconds of shooting down a civilian aircraft over the Gulf near the United Arab Emirates, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The weekly Observer, quoting unnamed air traffic controllers in Dubai, reported the destroyer HMS Cardiff last year targeted surface-to-air missiles at a cargo plane.

The Observer did not specify the date or further identify the plane, but said the alleged incident had never previously been disclosed.

Air traffic controllers quoted by the newspaper said the inci-

dent highlighted the dangers of foreign warships operating in the Gulf, where Iran and Iraq have both attacked shipping in their eight-year war.

The Cardiff was on routine escort duty when the cargo plane flew over the ship by mistake and the pilot was not linked to an emergency military radio frequency that could have been used to warn him, the newspaper quoted the controllers.

When the pilot did not respond to warnings from the ship, the Observer said, "preparations were made to shoot down the plane. Anti-aircraft missiles were

within 10 seconds of being launched when a final check revealed the plane was not hostile."

The Observer reported no comment from the royal navy. The air traffic controllers also said a U.S. navy warship once ordered a British Airways flight to change course and nearly caused it to crash into another aircraft.

The Dubai air traffic controllers said they "swiftly countermanded" the order from the U.S. navy ship and avoided a collision between the two planes. The Observer reported.

No comment from the U.S.

navy was reported.

The article follows an inquiry by the United States into the July 3 downing by the guided-missile cruiser USS Vincennes of an Iranian jetliner, killing all 290 people aboard.

A Defence Department report blamed the incident on human error by radar operators without combat experience, who wrongly informed Captain Will C. Rogers the jetliner appeared to be an attacking fighter. Defence Department officials said. The report also blamed the accident on stress under combat with Iranian gunboats.

### MIDEAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### 5 dead in Algeria fire

ALGIERS (AP) — Five people died and at least 32 were injured in forest fires last week in the Kabyle mountains near Bejaia, the official Algerian news agency (APS) reported. Sixteen separate fires broke out Tuesday and Wednesday in the hills around Bejaia while midday temperatures soared to 48 degrees Centigrade (118 F). The harbour town of Bejaia and its 130,000 inhabitants were virtually cut off from communications by land at one time, apparently explaining why the state-run Algerian media failed to mention the fires for several days. The news agency said about 1,000 vacationers threatened by the flames at a beach resort in the Aiguades forest near Bejaia had to be rescued by a flotilla of small boats. The fire services of cities as far away as Batna, 180 kilometres to the south, were summoned to the scene.

#### Turkish referendum closer

ANKARA (R) — A referendum which the opposition sees as a major test of confidence in Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is expected in late September, following a parliamentary move Sunday. Members voted by 263 to 103 to shorten to 40 days from 120 the time which must elapse before a referendum can be held. Ozal's centre-right Motherland Party voted Saturday to amend the 1982 constitution so that municipal elections can take place Nov. 13, four months ahead of schedule. A referendum then became inevitable because Motherland's 284 votes fell short of the 300 needed to alter the constitutional requirement that local polls must be held every five years. "If the referendum says no, Ozal must resign. If it says yes, I will resign," Erdal Inonu, chairman of the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SDPP), said after Saturday's vote.

#### Rustlers killed on Sudan border

NAIROBI (R) — Fifty Kenyans, most of them policemen, died in a clash with armed cattle raiders on the Sudan border in northwest Kenya late last month, the Sunday Times reported. The newspaper, owned by the ruling Kanu Party, said many of the bodies had been transported to Nairobi for burial. Diplomats confirmed that Kenyan security forces suffered losses at the hands of up to 2,000 armed raiders. They said the clash occurred in a remote area where the borders of Kenya, Sudan and Ethiopia meet, and details of the casualties had just been confirmed. Some raiders died in the fighting.

#### Israeli envoy in Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Israel's new ambassador to Egypt, Shimon Shamir, Sunday presented a copy of his credentials to Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid. Shamir is expected to present his credentials to President Hosni Mubarak at a later date. Shamir, a 49-year-old scholar of modern Middle East history, is the third Israeli ambassador to Cairo since the two countries signed a treaty in 1979.

#### Libyan ordered out of U.K.

LONDON (R) — Britain, citing "reasons of national security," announced Saturday that it was deporting a Libyan national at the direct order of Home Secretary Douglas Hurd. The man, Al Hadi Issa Grada, is at present in custody, a Home Office spokesman said. "The home secretary has given personal direction Mr. Grada should be removed because his presence is not conducive to the public good for reasons of national security," the spokesman said. He said Grada, 44, had married a British woman in 1975 and divorced her in 1980.

## Who will pay for U.N. peace tasks in Gulf?

By Michael Littlejohns  
Reuters

UNITED NATIONS — If the U.N. obtains a truce between Iran and Iraq — and that's a big if — how will the cash-starved organisation meet the high cost of policing it?

The question troubles Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has said he may have to halt operations in October unless the United Nations can emerge from a sea of red ink.

Officials say that a U.N. monitoring operation to police a Gulf ceasefire would require hundreds of officers and cost tens of millions of dollars in the first year alone. And Perez de Cuellar has already exhausted a contingency fund that might have supplied seed money to start such a mission.

In a report at the end of June, he said member states owed the United Nations \$647 million on their regular budget assessments and \$335 million

for assessed peacekeeping operations. The voluntarily-funded Cyprus peace force was a further \$150 million in the red.

Among debtors, the United States is the chief culprit, owing more than \$467 million in accumulated arrears on its 25 per cent assessment for the regular budget and another \$70 million for U.N. Middle East peacekeeping.

The Soviet Union is also a major U.N. debtor, with arrears totalling almost \$46 million for the current regular budget and a further \$169 million for U.N. peacekeeping in the Middle East.

Moscow has promised to pay up, demonstrating its newfound enthusiasm for the United Nations under Mikhail Gorbachev, but those contributions were still outstanding in the secretary-general's latest report.

While many Third World countries that owe money to the United Nations are starved

for hard currency and say they cannot pay on time, the cash flow from Washington was reduced to a trickle essentially as a mark of American protest.

Tired of shrill United States-baiting that had become a feature of so many U.N. debates, the Reagan administration and the U.S. Congress agreed that no more than 40 per cent of the American assessment would be paid until President Reagan certified progress in certain areas.

These were a leaner, more efficient, U.N. staff, a bigger say for major contributors in budget-making, and a requirement that the Soviet Union accept long-term U.N. contracts for its nationals.

Moscow's practice of approving Soviet staff only for short terms of U.N. service was regarded as an opportunity to rotate "spies," several of whom were caught by American security agents in and around New York.

U.N. officials believe the organisation has gone far towards meeting these concerns, reducing staff by attrition, freezing recruitment and salaries and deferring cost of living payments. For its part, Moscow has signalled a willingness to release officials for longer-term U.N. service.

Lieutenant-General Vernon Walters, the current chief U.S. delegate, takes a kinder view of the organisation and especially of the secretary-general than previous U.S. delegates have.

Last week, Walters called Perez de Cuellar "one of the great statesmen of our time."

But just three days before Iran accepted the Security Council's ceasefire Resolution 598, Reagan rebuffed a new appeal for help that Perez de Cuellar issued during a White House visit.

With the secretary-general now at the centre of an intense diplomatic effort to obtain a Gulf truce and with more U.N.

peacemaking forays in the offing — involving Cyprus, Western Sahara and Namibia among others — the administration may have begun to change its tune.

Testifying before Congress last week, Walters said he hoped the United States would pay the United Nations about \$188 million by year's end.

And in Rome Thursday, an official of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Washington last week handed over \$25 million, part of the \$132 million which the organisation says the U.S. owes.

U.N. officials said that if the Americans did hand over the \$188 million, the United Nations would be able to survive 1988 and enter 1989 with a bit in hand.

But, they said, the long-term problem would remain until all member states met their obligations regularly and in full.

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## Strong U.S. economic growth keeps dollar high

LONDON (R) — Boosted by data showing the U.S. economy is still growing strongly, the dollar starts this week at its highest for almost a year against the Deutschmark.

Dealers, wary of more central bank intervention to steady the dollar's climb, bought the currency Friday after a U.S. employment figures showed a record rise in new non-farm jobs in July even though the overall jobless rate edged up.

The dollar has helped by that news and by speculation that the Federal Reserve (Fed), the U.S. central bank, might have to raise domestic interest rates to contain inflationary pressures.

But Wall Street weakened in thin trading on concern that higher rates would push up the cost of borrowing to industry.

"One of the major constraints to the Fed not acting already to tighten credit is that the dollar was so very, very strong and any tightening would only push it higher," said economist Joe Liro of S.G. Warburg and Co. in New York. "They have a dilemma on their hands."

The dollar closed in New York Friday at 1.8945 marks compared with 1.8920 in London and 1.8798 in New York Thursday. It was last this high in mid-August 1987.

"The near-term news is definitely bullish for the dollar," said Doug Madison, a corporate trader for Bank of America.

In London, before trading finished in New York Friday, a dealer for a U.S. bank branch said: "The dollar just doesn't seem to want to go down. If it doesn't go through 1.90 marks tonight (in New York), people are going to come in Monday wanting to buy it."

Some U.S. economists argue that a rising dollar may retard exports and slow the economy. "That may reduce some pressure from inflation, but it may compound one of the nation's most serious problems — the trade

deficit," one said Friday.

Traders recalled that, a year ago when the dollar was at similar levels, news of a large \$15.6 billion trade deficit for June, 1987, helped speed its decline.

The next U.S. monthly trade figures, again for June, are due out on Aug. 16.

Meanwhile, dealers said U.S. financial markets Friday took calmly the news that Treasury Secretary James Baker was stepping down to run Vice-President George Bush's presidential campaign. The move had been rumoured for some time.

Nicholas Brady, chairman of investment bankers Dillon Read and Co., was nominated to succeed Baker. Brady headed a White House panel that studied last October's stock market crash.

Friday, the dollar also strengthened against the Japanese yen and the pound sterling, but it has been higher against both in the past month. It ended in New York at 133.88 yen from 133.03 Thursday and at \$1.6895 to a pound from \$1.7068.

Gold, which dealers said was under pressure from the firm dollar and producer selling, closed in Hong Kong Saturday at \$432.10 an ounce, slightly down from Friday's finish of \$432.15 in New York and \$432.50 in London.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.47 points Friday at 2,119.13 — a fall of 9.6 on the week.

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## Society adopts new strategy to promote sale of table eggs

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Society for the Production and Marketing of Eggs (JSPME) is currently implementing a new plan designed to encourage the public to consume table eggs produced in Jordan.

In repeated advertisements in the local press, the JSPME is offering free of charge a 30-egg carton to buyers for every two cartons of eggs.

The society president told the

Jordan Times that the society is trying to market locally produced table eggs here and abroad and has concluded contracts to sell eggs to Iraq and South Yemen.

South Yemen is to purchase 10 million eggs this year while Iraq is expected to purchase 25 million, according to the president.

Last year Iraq imported some 60 million eggs from Jordan which altogether produces some 500 million table eggs annually.

According to the society president, local consumption is estimated at 400 million annually prompting the society to seek markets abroad.

Last year the Economic Security Committee granted the society a JD 400,000 in subsidy to help it produce and export eggs.

JSPME sources said that Jordan now has a total of 150 poultry farms producing table eggs annually.

## Jordan to hold fair in Morocco

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Jordanian Commercial Centres Corporation (JCCC) Sunday announced its intention to hold a first Jordanian industrial fair in Casablanca, Morocco, early next month.

An announcement said that the 10-day fair will display samples of national products manufactured by 39 Jordanian industries and companies.

Merchants and manufacturers taking part in the fair, which is in implementation of a Jordanian-

Moroccan economic cooperation agreement, will be able to sell directly to the public, according to the announcement.

Jordan and Morocco earlier this year held meetings in Amman to promote bilateral trade and economic cooperation between them.

Minutes signed by the Joint Jordanian-Moroccan Higher Committee in January provided for the exchange of goods worth \$15 million exempt from customs

duty in 1988.

The minutes provided for the organisation of Jordanian trade fair in Casablanca and a Moroccan fair in Amman later on with each fair entitled to sell products worth \$3 million directly to the public or to retailers, according to the minutes.

The committee had agreed that the national products of either country can be exported to the other provided that they are supported by certificates of origin.

## Jordanian farm exports rise

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan last month exported nearly 40,000 tonnes of fruit and vegetables to Arab and foreign countries, according to the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO).

Organisation officials were quoted by the local press as saying that tomatoes formed 45

per cent of the total exports followed by cucumbers composing 13 per cent, melons composing 12.5 per cent, and eggplants composing 4.4 per cent of the total.

The report said Saudi Arabia headed a list of countries importing these products, followed by

Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Europe.

The report said the July figures registered a 2.738 tonne decline from June's export figures of national crops.

It said, however, the past month's exports registered an increase of 11,755 tonnes over figures given for July 1987.

## Gap widens between Italy's north, south

NAPLES, Italy (R) — Showered with aid for nearly 40 years, Italy's backward south remains steeped in depression and disadvantage — and the gap with the affluent north is growing.

An economic recovery in the

1980s which Italians like to term a miracle has, by the reckoning of many economists, made the country the world's fifth most powerful industrialised democracy.

But the "miracle" has largely failed to filter to the south, the area known as the Mezzogiorno from Rome. Now alarm bells are ringing about a social and economic divide that is one of Italy's biggest problems.

The government and many southern affairs experts say the south could fall farther behind when the European Community (EC) removes remaining barriers to internal trade in 1992, unless a major effort is made to bridge the gap.

"The problem of the Mezzogiorno... is one which affects the entire national system," Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita, a southerner, told parliament when he took office in April.

He said that 1992, "and the consequent need to compete on equal terms with the leading industrialised countries demand that we confront this problem and resolve it," De Mita declared.

"The south is lagging farther behind," he said.

Some \$100 billion of public money has been pumped south in subsidies since 1950 in an effort to develop what has always been Italy's most backward area.

Living standards have risen in terms of private consumption and basic services in what until World War II was a largely peasant society, and there are patches of relative prosperity.

However, much of the aid has not been used to foster long-term development but to put quick cash in people's pockets with welfare payments and jobs in the public sector.

"The solution to the problems of the Mezzogiorno must be tackled in a logic of competitiveness," Sergio Pininfarina, president of

the business organisation Confindustria, has said.

He warned against "repeating the public assistance policies which have so far entailed a big waste of resources but have not lessened the gap with the rest of the country."

A stable one-in-12 of the work force is without a job in the south. Unemployment in the south, now home to 38 per cent of Italians, is one-in-five and rising as the population grows in contrast to the national trend of decline.

The south accounts for only 25 per cent of gross domestic product, has an economic growth rate half that of the north and per capita income 60 per cent of the north.

In 1987, it also had 60 per cent of Italy's murders, reflecting the extent of organised mafia-style crime.

Education and health care remain inferior to the north.

## AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Sunday rates		Local sell/buy rates in Jds			
	93.71	94.6	Saudi riyal	100.0	105.0
Belgian franc (for 10)	173.6	175.3	Syrian lira (for 100)	1050.0	1085.0
Dutch guilder	58.1	58.7	Lebanese lira (for 1000)	1100.0	1135.0
French franc	26.9	26.9	Iraqi dinar	1323.0	1330.0
Italian lira (for 100)	277.6	280.4	Kuwaiti dinar	1523.0	1530.0
Japanese yen (for 100)	57.0	58.2	Egyptian pound	160.0	165.0
Swedish crown	234.7	237.0	Qatari riyal	102.5	103.0
Swiss franc	371.2	375.2	UAE dirham	102.0	102.5
U.K. sterling pound	195.8	197.8	Omani riyal	970.0	975.0
U.S. dollar			Bahraini dinar	990.0	997.5
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## AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for August 7, 1988:

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Universal Insurance	15000 JD	13500	1
Parallel market:	14060 JD	5261	—
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Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

## JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Communications	847391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Income Tax Department	660151	General Statistics Department	846171
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Amman Customs Department	772181		
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

## Cocoa may face record glut in 1988-'89 season

LONDON (R) — The world's cocoa crop appears headed for a surplus for a fifth year and there may be a record glut, trade sources reported last week.

Prices are already weak. Further declines in the new cocoa year starting next month would be good news for people who like chocolate but would pinch Third World exporters including such heavily indebted nations as Brazil and Ivory Coast.

"Output reacts very slowly to low prices. Assuming normal weather, there will be a surplus in 1988-89," said Jonathan Hodgkin, a cocoa market expert at Landell Mills Commodities Studies Ltd in London.

Traders say ideal growing con-

ditions for early new crops in West Africa and expanding Asian output mean production in the new year exceed this season's record and add to an existing surplus.

World consumption of chocolate has risen by three to four per cent this year, mainly due to lower shop prices and a wider range of products.

But London traders Gill and Duffus recently estimated this season's world output at 2.01 million tonnes giving a surplus of 111,000 tonnes.

Some experts now say that, barring weather or pest damage, the 1988-89 surplus could be as much as 200,000 or even 300,000 tonnes, exceeding a 1964/65 record of 191,000.

The buffer stock of the International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO) which buys cocoa to try to stabilise the market is already full and prices are sagging.

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# Sports

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Monaco remains on top of French League

PARIS (R) — Sochaux and Toulon narrowly staved off defeat to stay on top of the French first division soccer ladder after tough draws away from home, but league giant Monaco notched up a win to close the gap. Sochaux, unexpected early stars of the season with three wins in five games, drew 2-2 with Lorient. It was their most difficult struggle to date, against a 10-man team after Polish player Cesar Tobolik was expelled at half-time. Fabrice Henry kicked two goals in the first half, but one went against his team to Lens, whose Malabar Arsene put the home players ahead in the second half until Thierry Laurey saved the day for Sochaux in the 76th minute. Sochaux remains on top of the table on goals. Monaco inflicted an eleventh hour 1-0 defeat on the as yet unbeaten Paris Saint Germain to slip up to second position on the table.

### Grossman reaches San Diego tennis final

SAN DIEGO (R) — Seventeen-year-old qualifier Ann Grossman continued to surprise and delight fans at the \$100,000 San Diego tennis tournament by reaching the final with an upset of fourth-seeded South African Rosalyn Fairbank Saturday. Grossman, who earlier in the week upset fifth-seeded fellow American Robin White, will on Sunday play in her first final of a professional tournament as a result of an impressive 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 semifinal victory. Grossman's opponent in the final will be second-seeded American Stephanie Rehe, who posted an easy 6-2, 6-2 victory over another qualifier, compatriot Debbie Graham.

### 5 Karolyi pupils on U.S. Olympic team

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (R) — Former Romanian gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi watched as five of his pupils qualified for the U.S. Olympic team on Saturday night. Karolyi, who coached Mary Lou Retton to an Olympic gold medal for the United States in 1984 and Romania's Nadia Comaneci to the first perfect 10 in Olympic history in 1976, had three students finish among the top six and two as alternates to the U.S.

### Australian takes overall lead

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Phil Anderson of Australia held the overall lead after the fifth stage of the six-day Tour of Denmark professional cycling race Saturday. Paolo Rosola of Italy won the stage in two hours, 46 minutes and 45 seconds. Kim Eriksen of Denmark was second in 2:46:50 and Rolf Soerensen of Denmark finished third in 2:46:55.

## Slaney buries old memories; goes to Seoul with high hopes

By Kerry Eggers  
Reuter

EUGENE, Oregon — One of the most haunting memories of the Los Angeles Olympics remains the image of American Mary Slaney being carried from the coliseum in tears after crashing to the track in the 3,000 metres final.

Slaney clear favourite for the gold medal after her thrilling 1,500-3,000 double in the Helsinki World Championships two years earlier, had been a teenage prodigy who fulfilled all her early promise.

At 14 she became the youngest athlete to represent her country in international competition when she ran a mile in the indoor U.S.-Soviet Union meeting in 1973.

She went on to set five world and 21 U.S. records and reached the highpoint of her career when she outraced the best runners in the world in the Finnish capital.

But Slaney, who was also the women's overall champion in the first Grand Prix circuit three years ago, has no happy memories of the Olympics.

In 1976 she was injured and in 1980 the United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

Then came 1984 and the most bitter disappointment of all. Slaney and Briton Zola Budd were involved in a collision which left Slaney distraught on the track and Budd also in tears as the crowd booed her during the rest of the race.

Slaney, carried from the coliseum in the hurly arms of her then-fiancee and now husband Richard, held a news conference which ended suddenly when she again dissolved in tears.

So when did Slaney start thinking about Seoul?

"I started thinking about it about three hours after the crash," she told Reuters.

"For a variety of reasons, I've never won a medal at the Olympics. I would like to achieve that at Seoul."

"I want to be strong, fit and healthy and I want just to cross the finish line. Especially after '84, crossing the finish line is very important."

Much has happened in Slaney's life in the past four years.

She married British discus thrower Richard Slaney on New Year's day, 1985.

The pair have a daughter, Ashley Lynn, who was born on May 30, 1986.

And Slaney now has a new coach, Brazilian Luiz de Oliveira who lives in Eugene and trains a number of world-class runners including Brazil's 1984 Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz.

These changes have helped bring a new maturity and peace of mind to the American, who turns 30 on August 4.

"She's more confident of herself as a person now," says husband Richard. "Mary is more relaxed. You can think about things on the track too much. Being involved with the family is a positive influence."

De Oliveira, who has been her coach since 1985, agrees.

"You can't live for training," he said. "I suspect Mary was much like that before. She loves Richard and she loves being a mother and these are positive distractions."

Slaney is the epitome of a doting mother, eager to show visitors the latest picture of her daughter.

"I'm happy with my life," she said. "I don't think I'm putting as much pressure on myself as before. I think I've calmed down a little bit."

Slaney's injury-disrupted career has been largely due to overtraining but now she seems to have cured a tendency to run too far, too fast.

"She's not running as many miles and she's taking one day off a week," De Oliveira said. "She is able to hold herself back. That is really helping Mary."

"The one thing that hasn't changed is her motivation. She hasn't lost that."

Slaney, who still holds the world mile record and all American records from 800 to 10,000 metres, missed last season through calf and Achilles tendon injuries.

She started this season with some trepidation but has gone undefeated in her nine races so far, including five in nine days at the U.S. trials.

"I'm looking at running a good 3,000 in Zurich (on Aug. 17)," she said. "It's probably the last good, quality race before the Olympics."

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## Becker to play McEnroe in U.S. hardcourt final

INDIANAPOLIS (Agencies) — Top seed Boris Becker and fifth seed John McEnroe Saturday won semifinals at the \$415,000 U.S. Hardcourt Tennis Championships to set up a rematch of last year's Davis Cup marathon won by the West German.

The game went to three sets more times before Witsken netted a forehand return and Becker tied the set 1-1.

Witsken began hitting the lines with accurate passing shots against a charging Becker for a crucial service break that gave him a 4-3 lead. He lost his serve again at 15 as Witsken took the second set to level the match.

In the third set, Witsken broke in the seventh game when Becker punched a forehand volley deep in Witsken's backcourt. Becker then held serve at love to take a 3-3 lead.

Refusing to yield, Witsken took advantage of Becker's untimely errors to win the fifth game and prolong the 2-hour, 15-minute match. But Becker reached back for an ace to go up 30-15 and gained match point when Witsken's forehand sailed long. He advanced to the final when Witsken netted a service return.

Witsken against Bahamian Roger Smith, Australian Simon Yeat No. 6 Aaron Krickstein and 13th-seeded Jim Pugh helped Witsken, a three-time college All-American, advance to his first semifinal since January 1986.

Becker has just two sets in his first tournament since losing the men's singles final at Wimbledon July 4.

After cruising through the first set, Becker, ranked fifth in the world, let unseeded American Todd Witsken get back into the match before winning 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

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"The turning point was when I held for 4-2 (in the second set). Slowly, I started controlling the match," said McEnroe, who blasted six aces and numerous service winners in the second set.

In Sunday's final, McEnroe will be looking to avenge last year's Davis Cup loss to Becker — a marathon six hour 20 minute battle that has been called one of the greatest matches in tennis history.

Witsken, 24, thrilled the sellout Indianapolis sports centre crowd watching his first career meeting against the world's fifth-ranked player. But the West German used his powerful serve to dominate the 28-minute first set, allowing Witsken just seven points in the first five games.

Then Witsken, from nearby Carmel, Indiana, shook off his early jitters and served a love game to open the second set. He then led 40-15 on Becker's serve, but the two-time Wimbledon champion reached deuce with consecutive aces.

## Johnson predicts easy victory over Lewis in Seoul meet

OTTAWA (R) — A fit-looking Ben Johnson ran a wind-aided 9.90-second 100 metres at the Canadian Olympic athletic trials Saturday, then predicted an easy victory over American rival Carl Lewis in Seoul next month.

"There is no match there because as soon as the gun goes, the race is over," said the quick-starting Johnson, who will be aiming to defeat the 1984 quadruple Olympic gold medalist for the sixth successive time when they meet in Seoul.

Johnson, who set the 100 metres world record of 9.83 seconds in beating Lewis at the World Championships in Rome last year, said the American is not even running as fast as in 1987.

Johnson, who ran his first 100-metre race since last May on Friday in a modest 10.38 in a qualifying heat, said he was pleased with Saturday's race and pronounced himself fully fit.

The Canadian sprinter has been recovering from a hamstring injury in his left leg suffered last February in West Germany and further aggravated last May in Tokyo when he pulled up lame in a race.

"I'm very happy that everything is working out, the leg is 100 per cent," he told reporters.

Johnson, who eased up during the qualifying heat, had promised to give his leg a thorough test in Saturday's 100 metre final.

"I just tried to run a decent time 9.90 was close enough for me," he said. The 9.90 timing will be recorded as wind-aided,



Ben Johnson (left) and Carl Lewis shake hands after Johnson beat Lewis in the 100 metres race at Rome.

however, as the breeze measured at 3.7 metres per second was well over the allowable 2.0 metres per second.

With an even stronger aiding wind at the U.S. Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month, Lewis clocked a blazing time of 9.78 seconds in the 100 metres.

The verbal battle between the world's two fastest men has been underway for months. But the Canadian said he is not anxious to fan the flames.

"I don't want to be the head guy," Johnson said. "He's always saying things about me and I don't like it."

## Conner looks to future of America's Cup

HONOLULU (R) — Dennis Conner says he is looking forward to beating New Zealand in September and then getting on with an America's Cup series for all nations in 1992.

"If we win, the America's Cup will be well-served and we'll continue on with the type of series

the rest of the world would like to have — an international event where everyone can come and participate," Conner said Friday.

Conner, who is in Honolulu for the Hawaii International Ocean Racing series, will on Sept. 7 begin his defence of the cup for the San Diego Yacht Club.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
AND OMAR SHARIF  
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### PICK THE RIGHT CARD

East-West vulnerable. West by going straight to game. West started with three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing the last in dummy. Trumps were drawn with the ace-king, and declarer had to find a place to put his losing club. The heart suit offered the only chance, so South led a heart to his king. West took his ace and exited with a heart, and when the suit did not break evenly, declarer eventually had to concede a club for down one.

Declarer overlooked a significant extra chance. West's bidding made it a moral certainty he held the ace of hearts. That fact could have been put to use by declarer in planning an end play in the event West held only one or two hearts—a distinct possibility since West's auction suggested two five-card suits. Declarer should have ended in his hand on the second trump. He could then lead a low heart toward the table's jack. If West goes up with the ace, the jack of hearts is established for a club discard. So he must play low, and West wins the ace but he is end played. If he returns a diamond, he plays a ruff-suff; if he plays a club, it is away from the king into declarer's combined ace-queen tenace. Either way, the contract is made.

Opening lead: King of . . . In many situations it makes no difference what card you lead, as long as you pick the right suit. But there are times when it can be critical.

There is great debate among experts whether North should double or simply overcall one spade with his hand. We can understand his reluctance to possibly lose the heart suit, and we, too, would probably double. South had just enough to jump to two spades, not forcing after a takeout double, and North took all the pressure off his partner.

The bidding:  
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## Coe fails to defend his 1,500-m title

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) — Olympic champion Sebastian Coe appeared to have lost all hope of defending his 1,500 metres title in Seoul next month when he was eliminated in the heats at the British Olympic trials Saturday.

Coe, the only man to win two Olympic 1,500-metre gold medals, struggled to fourth place in his heat and failed to qualify for Sunday's final, shredding his dreams of a third Olympic title.

With the first two in each final earmarked for Seoul, only a major change of heart by the British Amateur Athletics Board (BAAB) could rescue the 31-year-old middle-distance star.

The selectors have the power to award "discretionary" third spots in the squad, but Coe's claims looked slim after Saturday's dismal showing.

Former world champion Steve Cram, who skipped the 1,500 metres trial, appeared assured of the third slot at that distance and a shot at an Olympic double after a majestic victory in the 800 metres earlier in the day.

Coe's chance of claiming the third 800 metres place alongside Cram and Tom McKean looked equally remote, with world championship silver medalist Peter Elliott vying for the honour and winning his 1,500 metres heat in convincing style.

Coe, who was unhappy at having to run in the trials at all, could clock only a modest three minutes 45.01 seconds — some 15 seconds outside his best time.

"There was nothing there. Everything has been going well in training, but when I tried to respond at 1,100 metres I had

nothing to offer," Coe, whose season has been interrupted by injury, said.

There was a touch of irony in his failure when, in the next heat, old rival Steve Ovett produced just the sort of finishing burst Coe lacked.

Ovett has had a miserable season, but this time he was waving and blowing kisses to the crowd in his old style as he won his heat.

"I was really pleased with that. It's beginning to come back, although it was still only a beat," Ovett, who beat Coe for the 1980 Olympic 800 metres title in Moscow, said.

Four years ago Elliott beat Coe in the national 1,500 metres final, but the selectors still chose Coe, who justified their faith by retaining his Olympic crown in Los Angeles.

## THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



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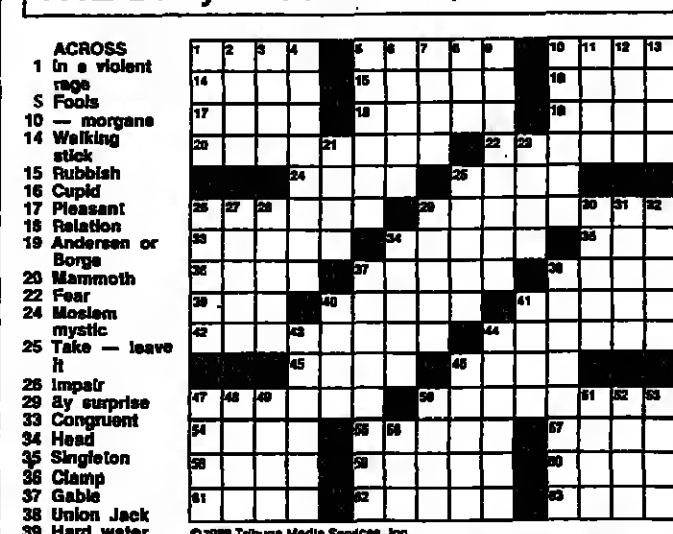
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## HOROSCOPE NOT RECEIVED

### THE Daily Crossword by L. Miller



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

41 Helianthus 8 Shiraz  
42 Ridiculous 7 Actor Milton  
43 Victor 6 Gr. letter  
44 Lion's pride 9 Business  
45 Sharpen conversation  
46 Scrooge word 10 Hat  
47 Go away 11 Qatar native  
48 Jet 12 Tennille  
49 Ms. Doolittle 13 Cruising  
50 First person 21 Gargantuan  
51 Rebuff 22 Uliete  
52 Second — 25 Habitual  
(medicinal person)  
53 Dolly of 26 Frost or Soul  
"Hello, Dolly!" 27 Carroll girl  
54 Healthy 28 Schifano  
55 Small fish 29 Decree  
56 Cafe au — 30 Paris  
31 Pass a law  
32 Lily plants  
33 Mandala  
34 Cowards  
35 Gravitational  
36 phenomenon  
37 Robekah's son  
38 Memento stuf  
39 Machine-gun  
40 Kid's wagon  
41 Kind of nut  
42 Shaker  
43 Forearm bone  
44 Glove off  
45 Manhandle  
46 Felon's light

## Peanuts



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp





## Burmese unrest spreads; strike looms

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Students in the Burmese capital called for a nationwide strike Monday and official media reported that five persons had been killed and others wounded Saturday as anti-government demonstrations spread to at least three other areas of the country.

The Chinese news agency Xinhua in Rangoon quoted official newspapers as saying demonstrations erupted Saturday in Pegu, Yangon and Thanatpin with police opening fire to disperse crowds.

Authorities also responded by issuing orders banning all public gatherings, speech-making, marches and agitation. Martial law was clamped on Rangoon, the capital, last Wednesday after demonstrators swarmed through the

city, demanding the ouster of hardline leader Sein Lwin.

Rangoon was reported tense but quiet Friday and over the weekend, but the newspapers reported said day-long demonstrations in Pegu, 80 kilometres north of Rangoon, climaxed when police opened fire to control demonstrators, killing two people and wounding one.

In the central Burma town of Yangon, one person was wounded when some 2,000 pro-

testors defied an order prohibiting demonstrations and confronted police, who fired to disperse the crowd, Xinhua said in an English-language report. It did not say where the other casualties occurred or what had happened at Thanatpin.

In recent days, pamphlets reportedly written by student activists have been circulating in Rangoon calling for a general, nationwide strike Monday.

Soldiers armed with bayonet-mounted rifles patrolled the streets of the Burmese capital over the weekend as authorities began special sales of basic foodstuffs Saturday to counter-act soaring prices and increased hoarding, officials and returning travellers said.

Rangoon-based diplomats have linked the price increases, hoarding and other immediate economic hardships to the demonstrations and general tension in Burma.

Sein Lwin, newly elected as both president of the nation and head of the ruling political party, has promised economic reforms but appears to be moving rapidly to wipe out all political dissent. Authorities said they had arrested 149 persons, including a number of students, in connection with last week's protests in Rangoon that led the government to declare martial law in the city.

Students have been at the forefront of protest against Sein Lwin, whom they blame for ordering a bloody suppression of

demonstrations in Rangoon last March and June.

The former military officer also led troops that killed a number of students in 1962 after strongman Ne Win seized power and instituted an authoritarian, military-backed political system.

Students entered into Burmese national politics in 1920 when they staged a successful boycott of universities in the country, then under British colonial rule. They contributed substantially to the struggle for independence from Great Britain.

Since 1962, students have led or participated in anti-government demonstrations in 1963, 1967, 1970, twice in 1974, 1975, 1976 and three times since last fall.

## Rust recounts brush with Soviet fighter

**LONDON (R)** — Mathias Rust, the West German who landed his light aircraft near Moscow's Red Square, said a Soviet MiG fighter came so close to his plane during his daredevil flight that he could see the crew's faces, the Mail Sunday reported.

Speaking in an interview published by the newspaper, Rust described how the MiG circled his Cessna plane twice in Soviet air space during his May 1987 flight.

"Then I was frightened, all right. The MiG came so close I could see the crew's faces. For all I knew a heat-seeking guided missile might be the next thing," Rust said in the interview, billed by the Mail as an exclusive.

"I would have followed them if I had been told to. But they just looked at me twice and then flew off," Rust said, adding that he could not understand why he was not intercepted.

The Soviet Union released Rust, 20, Wednesday from Moscow's Lefortovo prison, where he had served little over a quarter of a four-year sentence for malicious hoodlums and violation of flight and border laws, and put him on a plane to West Germany.

Rust described his interrogation by Soviet KGB agents as grueling but perfectly correct. The KGB wanted to know if he was a spy for the West Germans or the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).



Mathias Rust

His motive in making the flight was to deliver to the Soviet Union and its leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, his own blueprint for a utopia which he named "Lan-goria."

"It may seem hard to believe but it wasn't until I had landed my plane on the edge of Red Square and turned off the engine that I started to think about what I was going to do next or what might now happen to me," Rust said.

## Seoul students attack U.S. cultural centre

**SEOUL (AP)** — Radical students pressing for talks with North Korean students on reunification attacked a U.S. cultural centre and police stations in street battles Saturday in the southern city of Kwangju.

Some South Korean students have called for a cross-country march Aug. 8-14 with rallies along the way, leading up to talks Aug. 15 with North Korean students in the true village of Panmunjom in the demilitarised zone dividing the two Koreas.

The Yonhap news agency said the clashes broke out in Kwangju when police fired tear gas to stop about 1,000 students from marching off a university campus after a rally supporting the border talks. The students represented 14 universities in Kwangju and nearby cities.

Two policemen were injured and about 10 students arrested as scattered downtown clashes continued for several hours, and students armed with firebombs attacked three police stations, Yonhap said.

At one point, about 100 stu-

dents hurled 20 firebombs at the U.S. Information Service building, which shattered 10 windows and burned a van, the news agency said.

Dissident sources said the students shouted anti-U.S. slogans and demanded that former President Chun Doo-Hwan be punished for allegedly ordering the military to crush a 1980 civil uprising in Kwangju. By official count, nearly 200 people were killed in the uprising; opposition groups say the number was much higher.

The clashes followed a police ban on mass activities by the students.

In a statement, National Police Director Cho Chung-Sup said all demonstrations would be blocked to prevent students from marching from a point north of Seoul, which is about 50 kilometres south of the border.

Cho said the march and border talks could create social unrest and thereby threaten preparations for the Sept. 17-Oct. 2 Olympics in Seoul.

## 300 feared killed in Indian ferry mishap

**NEW DELHI (R)** — Rescuers were searching the holy Ganges River Sunday for at least 300 people feared drowned in the northeast Indian state of Bihar when their ferry capsized.

Bihar police chief J.M. Qureshi said in a telephone interview that about 100 of the ferry's estimated 400 passengers had been rescued. The tragedy occurred near Katihar, 350 kilometres from Calcutta.

A team of doctors have also reached Katihar, and naval divers were expected to follow them to join scores of police searching the Ganges for survivors.

Qureshi said seven bodies had been recovered from the river so far and it was feared that there would be no more survivors.

Meanwhile, the Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted Bihar state assembly member Mangan In-

shan as saying 565 tickets had been issued for the vessel, which carried mostly pilgrims to a shrine to the Hindu God Shiva at Deoghar.

Bihar police said the ferry appeared to have overturned Saturday in strong currents caused by recent monsoon rains.

It was the second major disaster to occur in the past year on the part of the Ganges, regarded by Hindus as a sacred river, which flows through Bihar.

Last August, about 50 people drowned near the Bihar town of Munger when another vessel capsized.

The vessels are usually flimsy craft made to negotiate rivers in calm weather with a small number of passengers. In the pilgrim season they are usually overcrowded.

## Turkish-Americans worried about Dukakis presidency

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Many Turkish-Americans, sensitised by 500 years of feuding between Turkey and Greece, are apprehensive that a Michael Dukakis presidency could upset the delicate balance of support they have garnered in the U.S. Congress and administration.

Their anxiety in the face of the growing popular support for the Democratic presidential hopeful has led to overwhelming support for the candidacy of George Bush in the Turkish-American community.

Vastly outweighed by the num-

bers and resources of Greek-Americans, Turkish-Americans are feeling as embattled as they did in 1975 when the U.S. Congress imposed an arms embargo to punish Turkey for invading the predominantly Greek island of Cyprus.

The result has been an unprecedented surge of political activity in the Turkish-American community, which is estimated to number between 100,000 and 200,000. Estimates of the Greek-American community range from one to three million.

Most Turkish-Americans con-

cede Dukakis would probably do what's best for the United States as a whole. But they point out that Dukakis owes a debt to the Greek-American community for its massive support and may appoint some of those supporters to key posts.

"My feeling is that Dukakis is an honourable man," said Ayhan Hakimgoglu, chairman of Aydin Corporation, which manufactures high-technology defence and telecommunications products. "But Dukakis was helped by massive contributions from the Greek-American community," and they'll make demand on him. He'll be under pressure," said Hakimgoglu.

With his family and friends, Hakimgoglu said, he raised more than \$100,000 for Bush. But he stressed that his support of the Republican candidate is motivated not only by Turkish considerations but also by his free-market economic policies.

Turkish-Americans point to Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, a college friend of Dukakis' and one of the architects of the 1975 embargo against Turkey, as a potential enemy if Dukakis gets to the White House.

Whether he gets an administration job or remains on Capitol Hill, Turkish-Americans are concerned the Greek-American lawmaker would influence Dukakis into adopting anti-Turkish stands.

## Reagan defends SDI bill veto

**WASHINGTON (R)** — President Reagan, battling with Congress over funds for his "Star Wars" system, Saturday defended the controversial programme with forcing the Soviet Union into arms reduction talks.

Reagan earlier in the week vetoed a defence spending bill, in part because it fell short of the \$4.8 billion he sought in funding for the space-based system formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

"If I had accepted that bill, it would have undermined the (military) strength we worked so hard to restore, in time jeopardising all our remarkable diplomatic advances," Reagan said in his

weekly radio address. "Yet no development has been of greater importance in our strategic arms negotiations with the Soviets than our decision to proceed with SDI."

The Senate Friday rejected an attempt to add \$500 million for the SDI programme to a revised defence bill, which would authorise \$4 billion for the project in the next fiscal year.

Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, in the Democrats' response to Reagan, accused the president of pandering to election-year politics in his veto of the bill, hoping to aid Vice President George Bush, the prospective Republican presidential nominee.

## Nature takes revenge on Venice with monster algae

By Jill Serjeant  
Reuters

**VENICE** — The romantic canal city of Venice is battling a plague of foul-smelling monster algae as nature takes revenge for years of abuse by man.

The rotting, fast-growing weed has taken a stranglehold on 50 square kilometres of the lagoon, posing yet another problem for the 1,000-year-old city in its daily battle for survival against time, the sea and the 20th century.

For the past six weeks, when the tide is low, the sun is high and the wind drops, Venice and its islands have been bathed in a small like rotten eggs rising from thousands of tons of weed wilting in stagnant outlying shallow water.

"Today's emergency is due to nature taking its revenge... the amount of monster algae is growing every year, living, prospering and then rotting in the lagoon," Venice Mayor Antonio Casellati said.

Algae and Venice are no strangers. One of the outlying lagoon islands, now deserted,

still bears the name San Giorgio in Alga as a testament to past troubles.

But heavy and indiscriminate use of modern agricultural chemical fertilisers, which wash off fields into the lagoon with the high tide, have made the water a rich, nutritious breeding ground.

The addition of a mild winter and this year's unusually hot, humid summer have turned the annual algae nuisance into an ecological emergency, scientifically known as "eutrophication."

Shoals of lagoon fish are dying through lack of oxygen under dark brown patches of lagoon waters, while in the city silverware tarnishes in the odorous air and some Venetians don masks as a public protest.

"The lagoon is showing us that it is not well, that it is ill and needs looking after with more than just first-aid," Venice city council's Erminio Chiozzotto told Reuters.

Chiozzotto, chief scientist in the ecology section, takes a

daily boat trip to measure the extent of the algae and check operations to rake up the putrid weed from the bed of the lagoon.

Four special Venetian-designed water boats are pulling up 400-500 tonnes of algae a day, which is dried out and used as fertiliser, but council officials say they need five times as many boats to tackle the emergency.

The worst-affected areas are in the central parts of the lagoon, near the islands of Giudecca and Burano, and on the landward side of the Lido, Venice's beach resort, where natural water channels have become silted up, out of reach of the cleansing sea tides.

In past years cold weather has killed off the algae but the weather was so mild this season that it continued growing in the early summer, sprouting up from the sea bed almost to the surface and then dying through lack of oxygen.

"The smell is like rotten eggs... or like stink bombs left off by naughty children," Chiozzotto



Ignition failure... the space shuttle Discovery on its launch pad at Cape Canaveral as a countdown stopped just five seconds before the engines were due to be fired.

## NASA works to fix space shuttle

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP)** — The small valve that halted the test firing of the space shuttle Discovery's main rocket engines was being removed Saturday to prepare the ship for another try at the hot-fire test.

That test could come as early as mid-week, but NASA officials declined to set a date until the work is completed.

"We've got a schedule laid out, we know what we have to do, we have access to the engine and we're slowly, very carefully, making our way down to the valve," said Kennedy Space Centre spokeswoman Lisa Malone.

A replacement hydrogen bleed valve, flown from NASA's engine facility in Mississippi, was on hand.

According to the schedule, the old valve assembly that closes a one-inch line was to be out by midnight Sunday. The engine work was proceeding around the clock with three shifts of mechanics.

The task was time consuming because a maze of structures, pipes, wiring and other materials

had to be moved out of the way in the cramped AFT section of the orbiter before workers from engine-maker Rocketdyne could get to the faulty valve.

When the new valve is installed, all that piping and other material will have to be put back, panels replaced and work scaffolding removed.

The space centre told its employees that work is expected to be completed Tuesday. Whether the firing test could be scheduled for Wednesday remained to be determined.

Last Thursday's scheduled test firing was aborted microseconds before ignition because computers sensed that the hydrogen bleed valve, on the number two engine, was about one-fourth open. It was supposed to be nearly closed at that point.

The valve is used to circulate liquid hydrogen at 423 degrees below zero Fahrenheit to cool other engine parts before ignition, but it must be closed when hydrogen pours into the combustion chamber at the rate of 1,035 gallons a minute during firing.

## Opposition blames Zia for communal violence

**SUKKUR, Pakistan (R)** — Pakistan's main opposition alliance said Saturday the decision by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq to bar political parties from participating in forthcoming elections was designed to foster communal violence.

Leaders of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) alliance met at Sukkur, 320 kilometres north of Karachi, to discuss ways of persuading Zia to reverse his decision.

They say the 1985 elections led to communal and sectarian tensions because of such a ban and Zia wanted the same thing to happen in the national elections planned for Nov. 16.

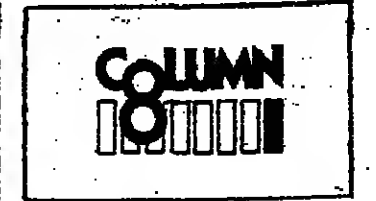
About 500 people have died in ethnic violence in the southern province of Sind in the past 22 months.

Shi'ites burned an airline staff bus in Karachi Saturday on the second day of protests against Friday's murder of Arif Hussain Al-Hussaini, a follower of the Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, police said.

"The MRD rejects, Zia's announcement on partyless elections," MRD spokesman Rasool Bakhsh Palejo told newsmen after the meeting. "It shows Zia's dishonesty towards the nation."

Opposition parties are planning to challenge the election ban in court and to hold protest rallies in major towns. The first rally was held at Sukkur Friday and the next is due in Peshawar Thursday.

Palejo said the MRD had noted with deep concern an inflow of arms in Sind, the home province of Benazir Bhutto, whose Pakistan People's Party is the main force in the alliance.



## Makarova returns to Kirov ballet

**LONDON (AP)** — Prima Ballerina Natalia Makarova has rehearsed with the Leningrad-based Kirov ballet for the first time since her defection from the Soviet Union in 1970. "I feel I'm now alive again as far as my country is concerned," the 47-year-old Makarova is quoted as telling London's Daily Express newspaper. Makarova was quoted as saying she had "only gratitude" for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, or openness. "He is a great man," the newspaper quoted her as saying. Kirov ballet spokesman Tony Barlow said Tuesday's rehearsal may be a prelude to a performance, if Soviet authorities give permission.

## Thieves rob princess

**SETUBAL, Portugal (AP)** — THIEVES made off with jewelry valued at more than \$100,000 of a Czech-born Spanish princess who was on vacation near this city south of the Portuguese capital, police said. Princess Beatriz of Hohenlohe, who appears frequently in popular Spanish magazines that chronicle the jet set in the Spanish resort of Marbella, said jewelry worth \$138,000 had been taken from her car, police said. A police spokesman, who was not identified in keeping with police custom, cited the princess as saying thieves had taken the jewelry and a small amount of cash from where she had hidden it under a seat in her car.

## Car crashes into house

**WILKES-BARRE, Pennsylvania (AP)** — Mary Aiello was eating a peach and watching television when she found herself involved in a car crash. The car careened into the front of her house, destroying the porch and a neighbour's fence. "First I heard a horn blaring. Then I heard a thud and said, 'Oh, that's my house,'" Aiello said after Wednesday's accident. "It happened so fast," said Michael Balla. "I went to stop for a stop sign, and something happened and I was going 50 miles an hour." Police said they were investigating what caused the crash. Aluminium siding and rain gutters on Aiello's house were also damaged. She said she was unsure how much repairs would cost.

## Quintuplets make life hard

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Life with the Gaither quintuplets is getting easier as the quints grow up, but it still is a major exercise for their parents to get out for a quiet evening. The quints celebrated their fifth birthday Aug. 3 at their day care centre with a five-tiered birthday cake. Suzanne Gaither and her husband, Sidney, say their children, who were born without the use of fertility drugs, are in many ways just like any other 5-year-olds. But getting out for an evening with his wife requires some advance planning. Gaither said. "You can't just drop five or six children off on your in-laws on a spur of the moment," he said.

## Sailor threw wife to sharks

**EXMOUTH, Australia (AP)** — A U.S. military court martial has convicted a sailor of killing his wife and throwing her body into shark-infested waters. Petty officer Charles Wayne Elmore, 27, faces a mandatory life sentence on the conviction, handed down Saturday, of killing his Philippines-born wife, Bella Fe, March 16. Elmore was based at the United States-Australian communications base at Exmouth, on Australia's western coast about 1,300 kilometres north of Perth. He told the military court that his wife had fallen from a pier.

## Exclusively Elvis

**CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP)** — A radio station has adopted a new format of Elvis Presley songs and trivia 24 hours a day. John Stolz, general manager of WCVG-AM, said there is plenty of recorded material to supply the station's needs. "Elvis recorded 659 singles and 90 albums," Stolz said. "I don't think any other artist today can live up to that stature. Most radio stations today work from a playlist of 400 to 500 songs. We'll have at least 659."

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### Thatcher meets Kampuchean refugees

**BANGKOK (AP)** — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew to a refugee camp in eastern Thailand Sunday to meet a guerrilla leader and thousands of Kampuchean who fled the nearly decade-old war in their homeland. Thatcher was to meet at site B camp by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, a former Kampuchean monarch whose army is allied with two other guerrilla groups battling Vietnamese forces that invaded Kampuchea in late 1978. Thatcher went to a hospital and library there, and present a portion of Britain's annual humanitarian aid to the refugees.

### Heatwave kills 38 in central China

**HONG KONG (AP)** — A heatwave has killed 38 people in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, an official report appearing Sunday said. The China news service, in a dispatch published in Hong Kong newspapers, said the heatwave that began last month was the worst in 39 years. It said temperatures reached 40 degrees Celsius on some days. Wuhan is on the Yangtze River, 1,020 kilometres south of Peking. Last month, the Chinese press reported that heat killed 71 people in Shanghai, 290 in the southern city of Nanchang and 83 in the coastal city of Nanjing.

### Sri Lankan gunmen kill soldier

**COLOMBO (R)** — Suspected Marxist rebels shot dead a 43-year-old Sri Lankan soldier Sunday as he left a Roman Catholic church in the north-west of the island, police said. Three children were wounded in the incident at Kuliyapitiya, a spokesman said. Their condition was not immediately known. In an attack at southern Elipitiya Saturday Marxist rebels killed two men, including a businessman who was a ruling party member, the spokesman said. The Marxist People's Liberation Front is opposed to an Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord signed last year in an attempt to end a Tamil separatist rebellion.

### 311 found alive after China floods

**PEKING (AP)** — Rescuers located 311 people who had been missing and presumed dead after flash floods and heavy rains ravaged a province on the Chinese coast, a newspaper reported. The Xinmin Evening News (Xinmin Wanbao) reported Saturday that 50 people were still missing from the floods that hit Zhejiang province July 29-30. In all, 264 people have been confirmed dead in the disaster. The economic loss has been estimated at more than 600 million yuan (\$162 million), the paper said. "Using a variety of methods... 311 people have been found," the paper said. It did not elaborate.

### 22 found from Mexico ferry wreck

**MEXICO CITY (R)** — A total of 22 bodies have been recovered after a boat collision late Thursday night on the Coatzacoalcas River in Veracruz state, local officials said Saturday. A ferry transporting 78 workmen to a sulphur plant about 350 miles southeast of Mexico City, crashed into a cargo boat and sank according to a spokesman for the plant, run by the state-owned Azufre Panamericana. He said 51 workmen had been recovered uninjured. The crew of the cargo boat was unharmed.